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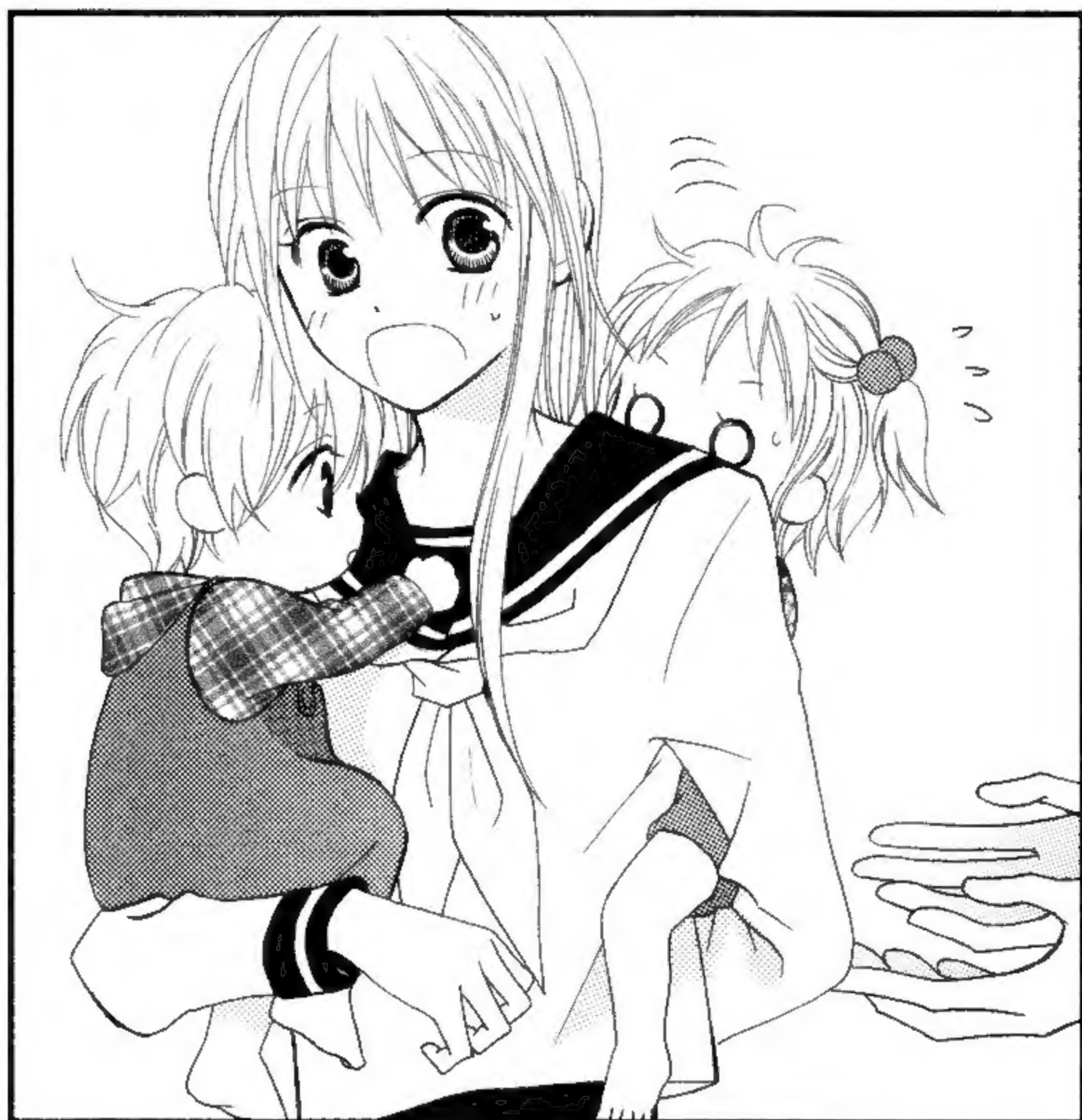




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LOVE SO LIFE

**SHA
THUNK**

Shiharu
Nakamura,
16 years and
4 months
old.

She is
the flower
of high
school
girls...



AKANE-
CHAN, AOI-
KUN...

IF YOU
DON'T
STAND
BACK...



For some
reason, she
is a baby-
sitter.

Kyaaaah!

TOP
TOP
TOP
TOP

Take
that!



You're
gonna
breathe in
the dust!

LOVE

SO

LIFE

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My long-term goal is to run a daycare!

I'm embracing my aspirations. Every day after school,

I go to my part-time job at a nursery school.

Shiharu-tan!

Yes!

Every day,

Akane & Aoi Matsunaga (Age 2)

Sei-tan is on the TV!

these two twin angels

undergo a complete transformation.

PULL PULL PULL

Every day,
taking the two
disagreeable kids
home is...

SYAAAAH!
SHIHARU-
TAAAAAN!

shut

NOW,
LET'S PUT
THE TV
BACK.

HE IS!
MATSUNA-
GA-SAN IS
WORKING,
RIGHT?

I'M
SORRY
FOR BEING
LATE!

okay!

Right!

See you
tomorrow,
okay?

G
R
A
B

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!

AOI,
AKANE,
LET'S
GO
HOME!

That
day...

SHIHARU-TAN,
TOOOOOOO!

MY,
MY.

EHHP?!

Seiji
Matsunaga-
san (Age 25)
is their
guardian.

He's a
refreshing
announcer
for a TV
station.



I wonder
if she emits
alpha waves.

DURING
LUNCH AND
NAPTIME, THEY
FALL ASLEEP
RIGHT AWAY
IF SHIHARU-
CHAN IS
THERE.

EVEN
THOUGH SHE
IS YOUNG,
SHE'S VERY
GOOD AT
TAKING CARE
OF THEM.

BUT THEY
ARE AWFULLY
CLOSE TO
SHIHARU-
CHAN!

AKANE-
CHAN AND AOI-
KUN ARE USUALLY
SO AFRAID OF
STRANGERS,

---!

...
IF
THAT'S
SO...

THEN
I, SUP-
POSE...

ding
dong

THAT IT
WOULD BE
UNACCEPTABLE
FOR ME NOT
TO BRING YOU
HOME!

Ah, he
meant to
babysit...

I'VE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR
A BABYSITTER THAT
COULD CALM THESE
TWO WILD ANIM...
ER, THESE TWO
ANGELS!

IF YOU'LL
AGREE, I'LL
PAY YOU DOUBLE
WHAT YOU MAKE
HERE!

D-d-d-
double?!

I will have
earned enough
money to pay for
my living and school
expenses for the
daycare I'm as-
piring towards...?!



That means...
If I were to work
until I graduated
high school...

INSTITU-
TION...?

No other
option.

BUT I...
I SHOULD
CONSULT THE
HEAD OF THE
INSTITUTION I
GREW UP AT...

Ah!

...AH,

①

Hello, and nice to meet you! This is Kaede Kouchi.

A-And so! It was thanks to everyone's generous support that this comic was able to be published in a book...

Ah, ah, what should I do? I'm so very happy...!

I DON'T HAVE ANY RELATIVES,

SO MY HOME IS THE ORPHANAGE THAT CONNECTED ME TO THIS JOB.

Thank you so much!



Continued in
Sidebar 2



I'VE ALSO
HEARD ABOUT
MATSUNAGA-
SAN'S CURRENT
CIRCUMSTANCES...

LET'S SEE...
IF THAT IS
THE CASE...

Haruko Yoshizawa.
Head

And with that,

HOWEVER, IF
YOU ARE GOING
TO BE THERE PAST
10 PM, YOU WILL
HAVE TO CALL, OF
COURSE! IS THAT
ACCEPTABLE?

I DON'T BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE A
BAD IDEA, IF YOU
CAN BALANCE IT
WITH YOUR STUDIES
AND SOCIAL LIFE.

my life as a babysitter...

ding
dong

GOOD
MORNING!
IT'S NAKA-
MURA!



WAH
H
H
!!!

It's Shiaru-
taaaaaan!

A
h
h
!!!



MATSUNAGA-
SANP!



Any, is this
the bedroom?

For now,
this room.

„drag
drag
drag

I guess his
exhaustion
has just been
piling up...

He's
asleep!

zzzz



No!

Huh....?

It's not safe,
so I guess I'll
tidy up until he's
awake...

AKANE-
CHAN, AOI-KUN,
LET'S CLEAN UP
A LITTLE BIT!

EVEN
SO,

THIS IS
REALLY A
NO-MAN'S-
LAND...

THIS
ISN'T A
STORAGE
ROOM, IS
IT?

CAN YOU MAKE
YOUR HOUSE
PRETTY, TOO??

blink

GOOD
KIDS!

WHY NOT? AT
THE NURSERY,
YOU CLEANED
UP PROPERLY
AND WERE SUCH

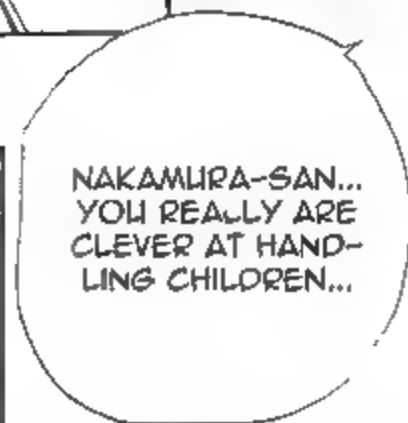
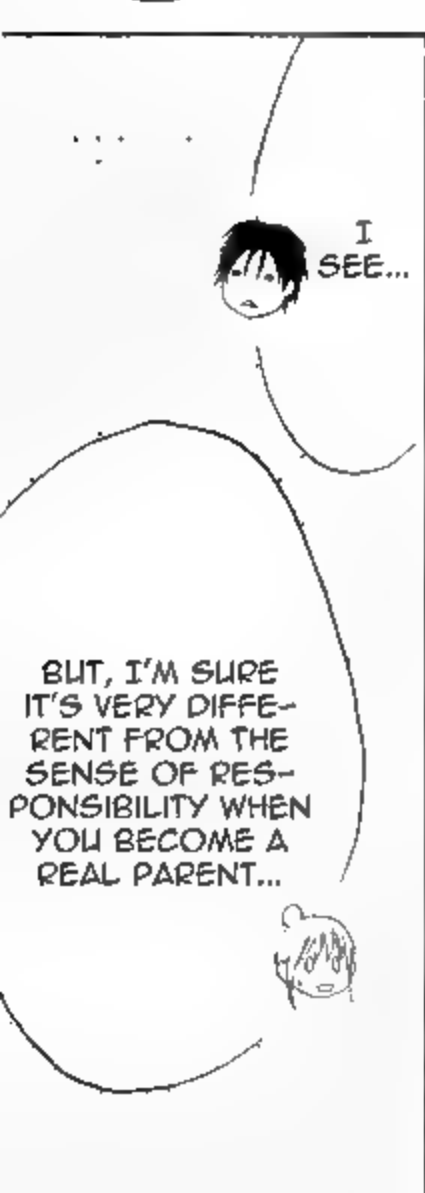
Ahh, they
are just too
cute!

Stiff

clank

clank

Cleaning Up



...AHH,

I'M NOT
THEIR
DADDY.

Akane-chan
and Aoi-kun are
happy to have
their daddy here!

Haa..

THOSE TWO
ARE MY OLDER
BROTHER'S
KIDS...

HE'S JUST
ENTRUSTED
THEM TO ME
NOW, FOR
SOME
REASON...

So, don't
have a big
misunder-
standing about
a tv announ-
cer having
secret kids.

What?

In other
words, I'm not
even married
yet.

WHAT?!

To their
uncle-
I'm sorry
from your
brother

HE LEFT
THOSE TWO
AND DISAP-
PEARED.

MY BROTHER
WAS SHOCKED
WHEN HIS WIFE
DIED BEFORE
HIM.

IS---

IS THAT
SO!

...

LIM...

SINCE I
DIDN'T LOOK
AT CUSTOMER
RECORDS AT
MY PART-
TIME JOB...

I WAS SURE
YOU WERE
THEIR DAD...

I...

So this is
what the Head
meant about his
"circumstances"...

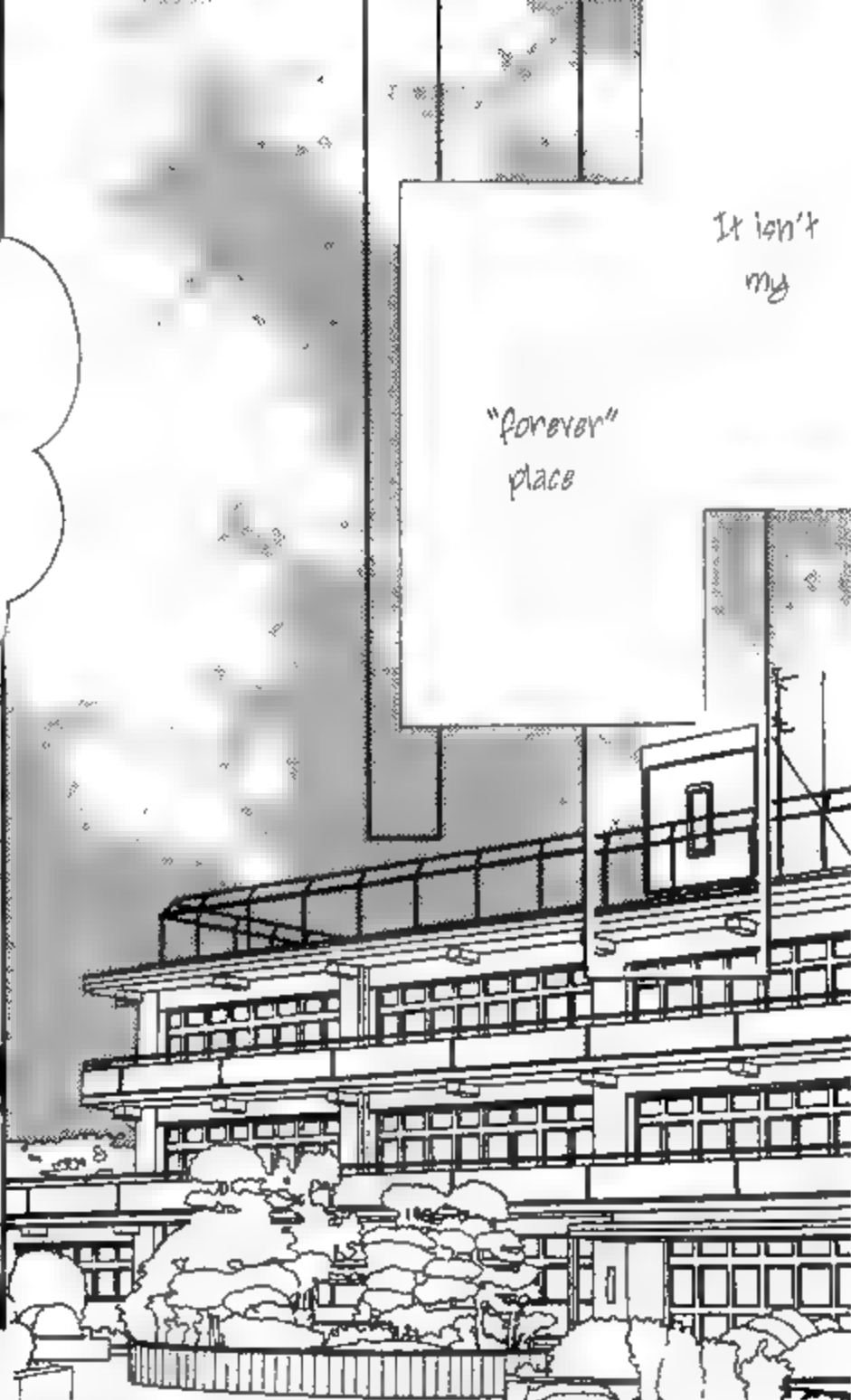
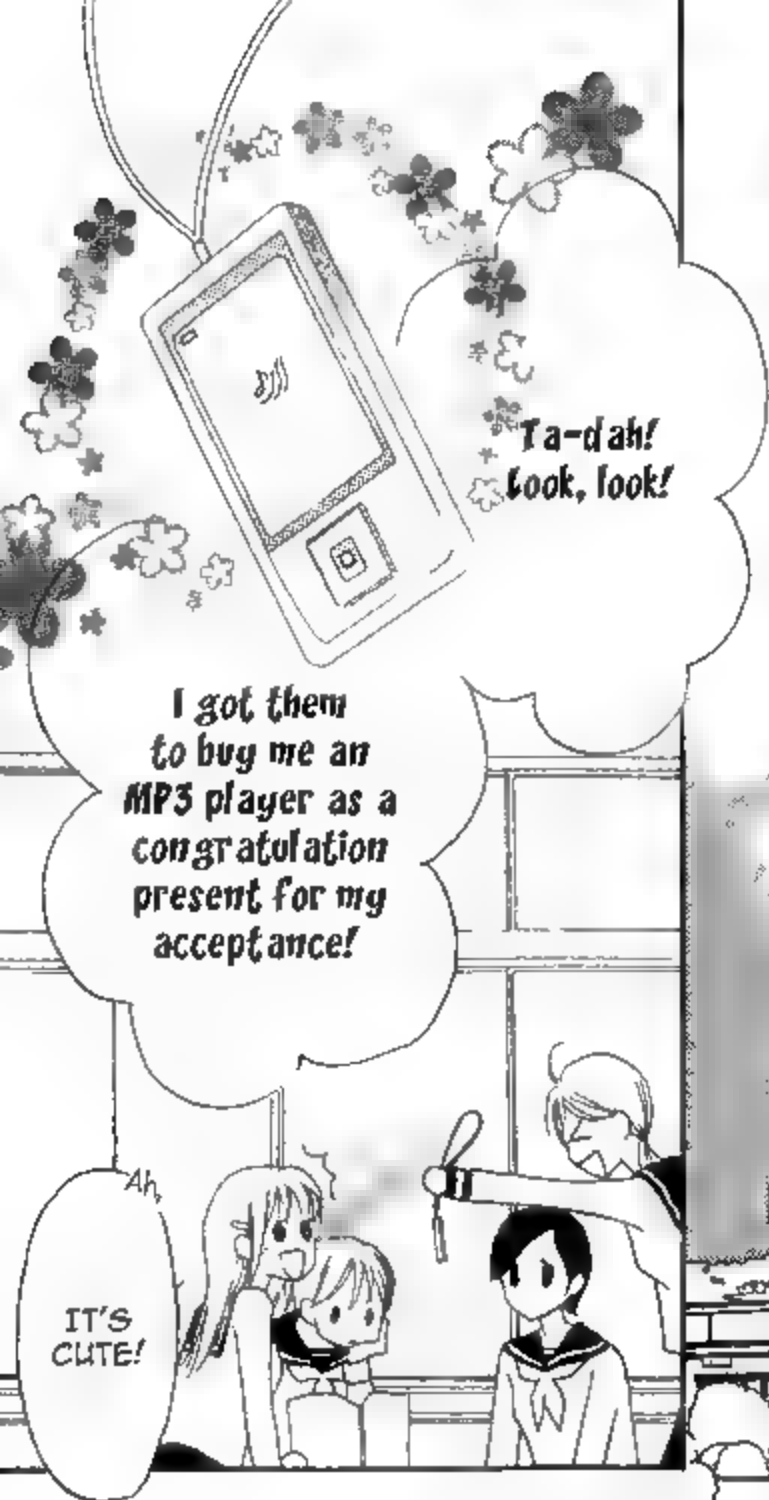
BUT,

IN THAT
SORT OF...
CRISIS,

IT'S NICE
TO HAVE A
FAMILY THAT
HELPS EACH
OTHER.

...
if
you can
help each
other

The orphanage
will care for me
until I'm eigh-
teen...





MATTSLIN?

Who's that?

IT'S MATTSLIN!

AH!

How much music can you put on it?

Well, um...

RUSTLE



Ma-Ma-Ma-Matsunaga-san?!
Wow, he really is cool!



HE'S THE YOUNG NEWS-CASTER FOR NEWSWEEK! YOU DON'T KNOW HIM?

HE'S REALLY COOL!

But, if he is popular, it's good for his appearance if that stays a secret...

His work is extensive...

About his house

My father died before I was born,

and Mom died when I was five years old.



Mom is always
running out to
work.



In my
memories,



when I woke up,
she was always
making me a
fast.



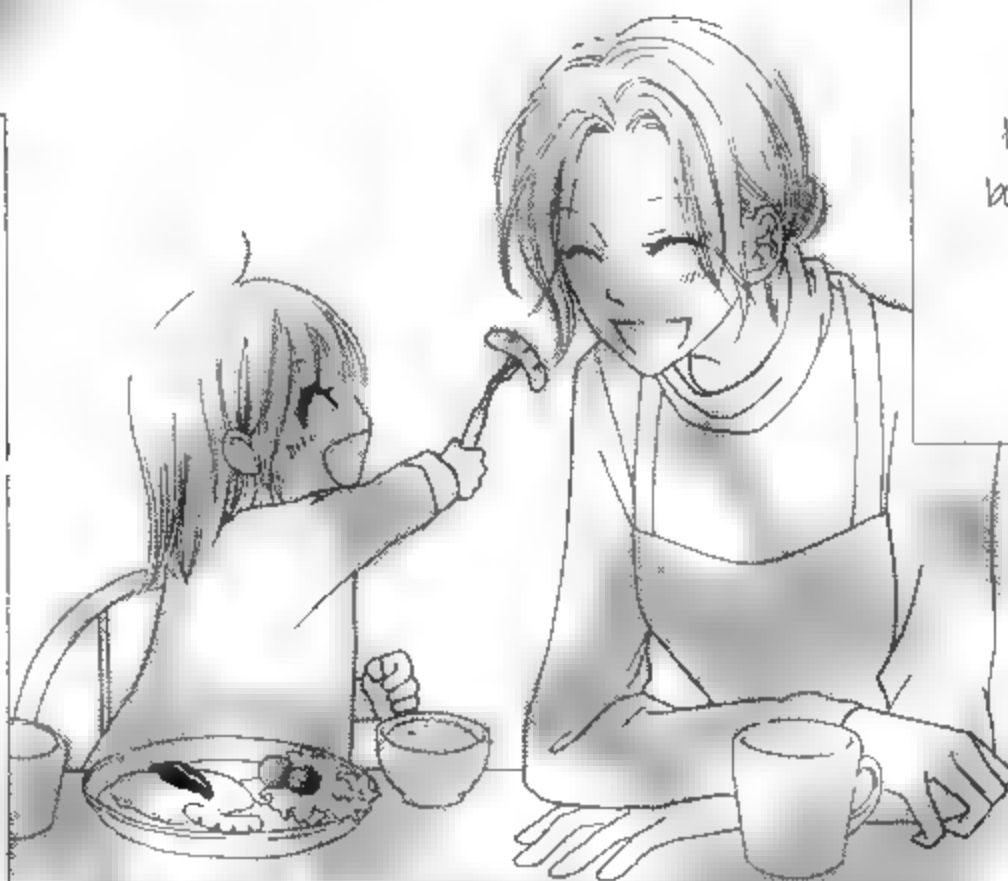
I love



But no matter
how busy she
was,



more than
anything else.



that meager,
but warm time





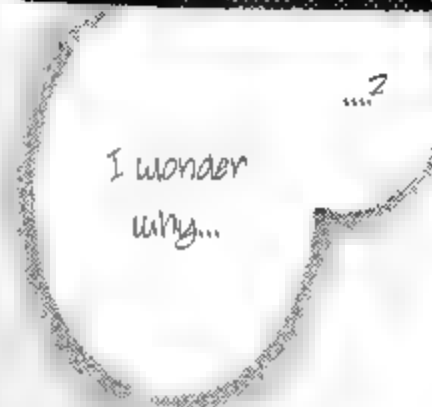
MOM...



Good girl,
good girl.



It feels
nice.



I wonder
why...

...?

and a voice
speaking
softly

A person's
presence

GOOD
MORNING
SHIHARU

IT'S
MORNING.

is so
comfortable...

—
...

STARE



He startled
me!

UH,

HUH?

shu
sha

?!
sha

N-N-N-
No!

Ah,

SORRY.
WAS I TOO
CLOSE?



Oh no! I said
I'd call the Head
if it was after
ten...

That's it... I thought
I'd carried the two
of them to the bed-
room when they fell
asleep, so why am
I...?!

EXCUSE ME!
AND I WAS
NA-NA-
NAPPING...

--PLUS
IT'S THIS
LATEP!

AH,
I ALREADY
CALLED AND
EXPLAINED IT
TO THE ORPHA-
NAGE.

Uunng...

shup!



Huh.?

AH...

SINCE IT'S
SO LATE,
I'LL TAKE
YOU HOME.

IT'LL BE
FIVE OR SIX
MINUTES BY
CAR

UM,
THAT'S...

IT'S OKAY,
I HAVE MY
BIKE...!

AH, I
SEE.

THEN I'LL
COME ON
FOOT.



...AH!

HEY...
WAIT!

IF I SPEED
ON MY BIKE,
IT WON'T TAKE
TEN MINUTES!
IT'S OKAY!

THAT'S NOT
NECESSARY!
I COULDN'T
CAUSE YOU
THAT MUCH
INCONVE-
NIENCE!

GR AB



YOU
CAN'T!

WHAT WOULD
YOU DO IF
SOMETHING
HAPPENED?!

Don't
go!!



AH... I'M
SORRY FOR
WAKING YOU
UP, AOI-KUN...

Shi aru-
tan?



IT'S OKAY
BECAUSE
YOU'LL GO
TO BED IN A
LITTLE BIT,

I'M SORRY
SHIHARU

AS SOON
AS WORK'S
DONE, I'LL
COME GET
YOU

OKAY?

AND WHEN
YOU WAKE UP
MOMMY WILL
ALREADY BE
HERE!


NO! I'LL
GO WITH
MOMMY!

SQUEEZE

CAN I...
COME OVER
WHEN THE
TWO OF THEM
WAKE UP, FOR
JUST A LITTLE
BIT?

IF IT'S A
BOTHER...I'LL
FEED THEM
BREAKFAST AND
TAKE THEM TO
NURSERY
SCHOOL.

MATSUNAGA-
SAN..



HONESTLY,
IT WOULD BE A
REALLY BIG
HELP,


BUT AT THE SAME
TIME, WOULDN'T
YOU GET EXHAUS-
TED FROM BABY-
SITTING IN THE
MORNING, TOO?

...

THAT'S...

IT'S ALL
RIGHT!

I WANT
TO BE WITH
THESE TWO!



WHEN AOI-
KUN WAKES UP,
I'LL BE HERE!

You
will?



...

SNOORE



THAT'S NOT
A PROBLEM,
BUT...

NAKAMURA-
SAN, DON'T
YOU HAVE
SCHOOL,
TOO?

..YOU
SHOULDN'T
PUSH YOUR-
SELF TOO
MUCH.

I'M
SORRY

FOR
STAYING
OVER THIS
LATE...



AH...



I'M DIFFERENT
FROM OTHER
PEOPLE. IT'S...

I...

I HAVE AN
EXTREMELY
LIMITED FAMILY
EXPERIENCE.

UM,



I'M SORRY!
AM I... DOING
SOMETHING THAT
BOTHERS YOU?!

NO... IT'S
NOT THAT...



THAT'S WHY,

UWWW...

IF I

OO, LIKE,
SOMETHING
WEIRD, PLEASE
TELL ME.



...IF IT'S
YOU,



I THINK
IT'LL BE
OKAY.



worrying,

--Smoothly

YOU WANT
TO VISIT IN THE
MORNINGS,
TOO?

長空

YES

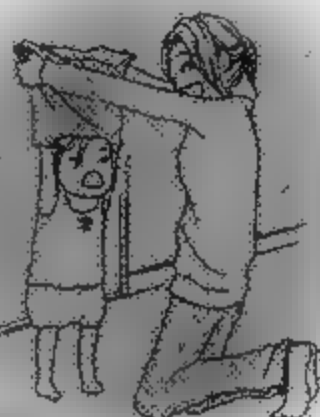
...He's a person
who's giving me
what I wished
for.

those two
also...

It was just
five years,


but just as those
remaining memories
are irreplaceable
to me,

HOWEVER,
SHIHARU-
CHAN...



I DON'T
WANT AKANE-
CHAN AND
AOI-KUN

TO FEEL EVEN
A LITTLE MORE
LONELY...



SO I WONDER
ABOUT OUTSIDE
PEOPLE FREELY
BARGING IN BEING
TOO MUCH.

IN A
HOUSEHOLD,
THERE ARE
CIRCUMSTANCES
THAT ARE ONLY
CONCERNED BY
THE PEOPLE IN THE
HOUSEHOLD,

ALTHOUGH
VISITING IN THE
MORNING IS
FINE,

IF YOU WANT
TO CONTINUE
YOUR WORK,

Distance."

YOU ALSO
NEED TO THINK
ABOUT THE AP-
PROPRIATE DIS-
TANCE TO KEEP

...YES,
MA'AM.

lonely...



It is
important,

but somehow,
it's a little



**Shiharu-
taaaan!**



I wonder if
intruding at
the house of my
employer this
early in the
morning is a
good idea...

But,

surely... Even
though I thought
about it properly,



WELL... YOU
ARE ALWAYS
BY THEIR SIDE,
EXCEPT WHEN
THEY'RE SLEEP-
ING.

SO THEY'RE
NOT REALLY
WRONG, ARE
THEY?

UM...
JUST
NOW
"WELCOME
HOME"
WAS...

THEY'VE BEEN
LIKE THIS EVER
SINCE I SAID
YOU WERE
COMING IN THE
MORNING...

AGH!
Ba-
dum
HUH?



I'm sorry,
Sensei.

Unk!...

BA-
DUMP

BA-
DUMP

These three
say, 'we'll be
all right,'

WELCOME!

NOTE

I don't know
if I'll be able
to

keep an
appropriate
"distance."



OH,
MY.

...No
Mommy...

ARE YOU
ALONE,
MISS?

WHERE'S YOUR
MOMMY?

THEN, DID
YOU COME
HERE WITH
YOUR PAPA?

COULD YOU
BE LOST...?

Shi-
haru-
tan...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
YOU
BRAT?!

!!!

WELL,
LEAVING
THIS SMALL
OF A CHILD
ALONE--

DASH

SPLASH

bam

OH
MY?

!!!

SHO

CK

Gyya
aaaa
!!!!!!

!!!
I...I'M SO
SORRY!

SHE
WENT AND
SPILLED
JUICE ON
ME...!

WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO
ABOUT
THIS
STAIN?



AKANE-
CHAN?!

WAAAAHHHHH

WHAT'S
WRONG? DID
YOU FALL?

HEY!

Are you
hurt?!

CALL YOUR
PARENTS,
STOP WHAT-
EVER THEY'RE
DOING!

SFX: sun (brush)

I...

Um...

THAT'S...

WHAT DO
I DO?!

I REALLY
AM SORRY!
IT'S MY
FAULT FOR
TAKING MY
EYES OFF
HER.


I'LL PAY
ATTENTION
FROM NOW
ON--

SO, WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING TO
DO ABOUT
THIS STAIN?!

EXCUSE
ME.

chatter
chatter
What's
wrong?

Should
we call an
employee?



HAS MY
FAMILY DONE
SOMETHING?

THAT BRAT!
SHE WENT AND
STAINED MY
CLOTHES!

...
'owwy...



Very
deeply

AH... I
GENUINELY
APOLOGIZE
FOR THE
INCIDENT.

AKANE,
TOO.

CAN YOU
PROPERLY
APOLOGIZE?



RIGHT! YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
TO GET THAT
MAD!

AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
FORGIVE
HER?!

HEY, YOU...!
THAT LITTLE
KID APOLO-
GIZED PRO-
PERLY, SO...

WHA

PLEASE
BILL ME
FOR THE
CLEANING
COSTS.

THIS IS MY
CONTACT
ADDRESS.

reach



M

THAT WAS
IMMATURE!



...

W...WHAT?!

I'M THE
VICTIM
HERE!

that's
right!

THE CHILD
STUMBLED,
AND GREW
WISER.

DASH

LET'S GO
HOME?

I messed
up.



Things like
that...

**I'M REALLY
SORRY THAT I
COULDN'T DO
ANYTHING...!**

**I'M GLAD
I DROPPED
BY!**

**THEN AGAIN,
I'M ALWAYS
DROPPING
BY THE SUPER-
MARKET!**

**PARDON
...!**



**WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?**



**IF YOU
WEREN'T HERE,
WE WOULDN'T
SURVIVE.**





"HAS
MY FAM-
ILY DONE
SOME-
THING?"

I'M TRULY
THANKFUL THAT
YOU'RE HERE.

LATELY, THESE
TWO HAVEN'T CRIED
AS MUCH AS THEY
USED TO, AND THEY
GO TO BED AT NIGHT
LIKE THEY SHOULD,
TOO.

THANKS TO
THAT, MY HEALTH
HAS IMPROVED,
AND I'VE BEEN
ABLE TO CON-
CENTRATE ON
WORK.



What was
I doing just
then....?

?

Pull yourself
together! She's
a high school
student!

...



Pat
Pat

The
place

where I
feel happy for
a moment

THANK
YOU.

I'M
ALL RIGHT
NOW.

might
not become
the place
where I
belong.





his
my

precious
case...

ENGINE OFF

YOU
MUST BE EX-
HAUSTED!

Returned
Home

IT REALLY DOES! IT'S VERY CUTE

HEY, MOMMY LOOK!

SINCE YOU'RE ALWAYS SUCH A GOOD GIRL AT HOME,

SEE? THE INSIDE OF THE STRAWBERRY TURNS INTO A MIRROR!

THAT CAN BE YOUR PRESENT AS A REWARD

If you're with the person that you love

I LOVE YOU LOTS, MOMMY!

MOMMY LOVES YOU LOTS, TOO, SHIHARU!

becomes a memory more important than anything.

even something mundane and ordinary

LOVE SO LIFE



Chapter 2

Shiharu Nanamura • 16 years old • her dream is to run a daycare:

In order to save up money and gather experience to fulfill this dream,

Shiharu-
taaan!

--AH!

Wewcome
'ome!!

Akane
Matsunaga (2)

Aoi
Matsunaga (2)

she is babysitting.

Feels
good!

I'M
BACK!

THE
POOL LOOKS
LIKE IT FEELS
GOOD, HUH?

The mother of
these children
passed away
three months
ago
and their
father disap-
peared due
to the shock-

Because
of that
the two
of them

AH.

are being
raised by their
uncle

NAKA-
MURA-
SAN,

WELCOME
HOME.

Seiji
Matsunaga (25)



Even though
I don't live
here,

the people in
his house have
come

to say
"welcome home
to me."

IT'S
MATSUNAGA-
SAN!

lucky!

OH MY!

HELLO!

HELLO.

I'M
BA...

KYAAA! ♡

fwoosh

grin

Because
he works as
a TV station
announcer,

he is always
very well-
spoken in public.

!!!



STAAARE

...Makes me
feel incredibly
happy each
day

AM,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

I HAVE
SOMETHING
I WANTED
TO GIVE TO
YOU..

Is he a
neighbor?

HELLO.

THUNK

DON'T GO
HAVING WEIRD
MISUNDERSTAN-
DINGS ALL OF A
SUDDEN!

SEIJI! NO
MATTER HOW
SAD YOU GET
FROM LIVING
ALONE... IS IT
REALLY ACCEP-
TABLE? I
MEAN, THE
LAW....!!

...SEI--



AND HIS
LITTLE
SISTER
MANA.

Hew-
wo!

MY OLDER
BROTHER, TAKERU,
AND I WERE SORT
OF LIKE CHILD-
HOOD FRIENDS...

HEL-
LO

HEL-
LO!

THIS GUY
IS TAKERU
MIYAGAWA.
HE LIVES IN
THE NEIGH-
BORHOOD.

Umm
NAKA-
MURA-
SAN,

THAT
AREA,
OR HOW
SHOULD
I PUT
IT.

UM... DO YOU
KNOW THE RESIDENCE
CALLED "THE SUNFLO-
WER HOUSE" NEAR
THE TRAIN STATION?

Huh?

OKAY,
SEE YOU
LATER.

What
the heck?

INTRODUCE
HER TO ME,
TOO!

THAT
RESIDENCE IS
MY HOUSE.

AH, I DO, I DO!
YOU'RE IN THAT
AREA?

is that
so?

Ah,

UMMM...
I'M NAKAMURA.
SINCE A FEW
DAYS AGO, I'VE
BEEN TAKEN IN
AS A BABYSIT-
TER

WHERE DO
YOU LIVE? IS
IT NEARBY?

It's okay
but...

after that,
I grew up at
a children's
welfare center.

When I was
five years old,

my mother,
who was my
only blood re-
lative, passed
away.

which has
become
precious

and
accepts
me like
family,

This
house

I came to know the
Marunaga family at my
previous part-time job
at a nursery school.

Because of
Marunaga-san's
wife, who had been
driven to exhaustion
from work and
taking care of
them

I began
coming over in
order to help
him.



Waaah!

To me

THIS
PARK SURE
BRINGS BACK
MEMORIES!

I CAME
HERE A LOT
WHEN I WAS IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL!

Sand
box!

Okay, let's
build a castle
in the sand
box!

KHOOSH

A HA
HA HA
HA HA

Waaa~



OF FASHION,
SO I'LL THROW
IT AWAY FOR
YOU!

NAKAMURA-
SAN, YOU'VE
ALWAYS GOT
THE SAME STUFF!
YOU'RE POOR,
RIGHT?

PLEASE!
THAT'S FROM
MY MOMMY...!

at this

NO!
STOP
IT!

WHY
AM

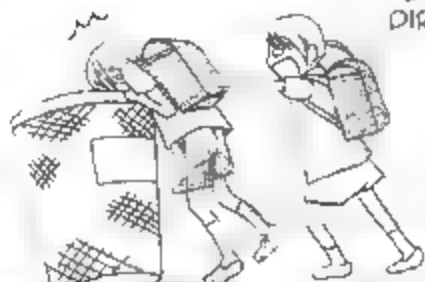
GIVE IT
BACK...!!!

SINCE YOU'RE
ALWAYS SUC
A GOOD GRL



IT'S
BEEN
THROWN
AWAY!

STOP!
IT'S
DIRTY!



KYAAAAH!!!

TREASURED
THING:!!!



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!



CRA



IT'S
MY



--BUT--

HONESTLY!
WHAT KIND OF
A CHILD ARE
YOU?!

JUST NOW,
YOU HIT MY
DAUGHTER!

..AH,
MAMA!



CH KA-CHAN
STARTED!



MY DAUGHTER
WOULD NEVER
DO SUCH A
THING!

Shi-
haru-
tan.



LET'S GO!
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
YOU IF
YOU CAN'T
PLAY WITH
HER ANY
MORE!





Shiharu-
taaaan!



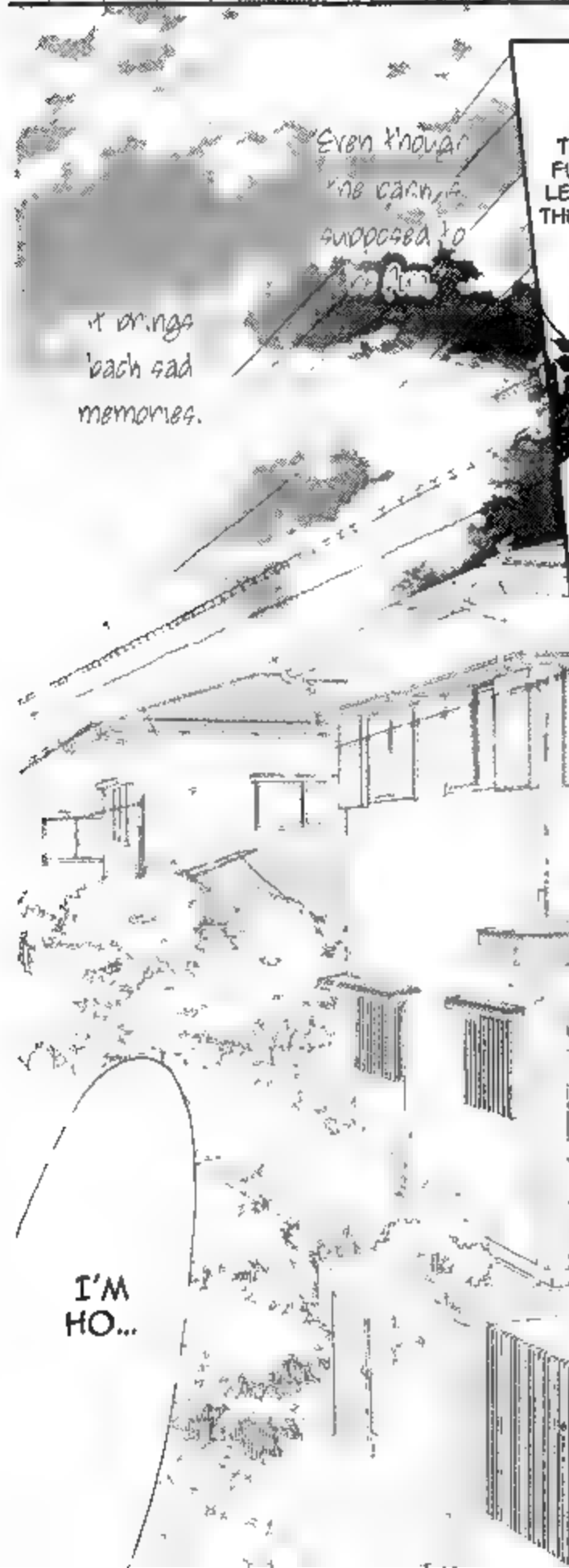
Flower!



WHERE
DID YOU
GET...

IT
SURE IS
PRETTY!

WOW...





Flowers....?

Or, rather,
he's taking
+ too much
outside

As usual
the on-off
power from
outside to
the home is
intense..

ba-
thump
ba-
thump

WHITE.

MA-
TSUNA-
GA-
SAN!!!

COLLAPSE

ME...

PLEASE
DO YOUR
BEST TO
MAKE IT
TO YOUR
ROOM!



THAT'S
SO NICE
OF YOU!

THEY
WERE BEING
THROWN OUT
EVEN THOUGH
THEY WERE
STILL BLOOM-
ING, AND I
THOUGHT
IT WAS A
WASTE

AH.. THESE
WERE FLOWERS
FROM THE STU-
DIO SET..

I bought
them.

They're
pretty

IS THAT
SO?



Flowers---

It's
bad!

Sei-
tan!

WHAT'S
WRONG?

an.

AAH,

IT'S
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT..

UM... TODAY,
AOI-KUN WAS
PULLING UP
SOME FLO-
WERS IN THE
PARK..

I TOLD HIM
THAT IT HURT,
SO HE SHOULD
STOP, SO HE
PROBABLY---

It's
springing
forth from
money

BUT A CONTRACT
HAS BEEN MADE WITH
A SHOP OWNER TO USE
THE FLOWERS AT WORK
OR AN EVENT, SO IT'S
NO PROBLEM FOR ME
TO BRING THEM HOME.

LISTEN. THE FLOWERS
AT THE PARK ARE
CONTROLLED BY THE
CITY, SO YOU CAN'T
JUST PULL THEM UP IF
YOU WANT TO.

is this
reality? Wah,

???

Masunaga-san,
that explanation's
way too much!

...Ston'r?

AOI-KUN!

THE FLOWERS
AT THE PARK
DO GET HURT,

YEAH.

BUT THE
FLORIST'S
FLOWERS ARE
A LITTLE BIT
STRONGER!

A FLORIST
KNOWS ALL
ABOUT THE
FLOWERS,

SO HE ACTUALLY
CUTS THEM SO THAT
THEY CAN STAY
HEALTHY JUST A
LITTLE LONGER

MY
EXPLANATION

It didn't
mean
anything?

So we have
to drink water
every day, too!

Too!



"TODAY,
THE
WEATHER
IS VERY
NICE"

THE RABBIT
FLOPPED
DOWN UNDER-
NEATH THE
GRASS, AND
LAID DOWN
TO REST

"I'LL TAKE
A LITTLE
NAP," THINKS
THE RABBIT,
AND FALLS
ASLEEP



nodding
off

...Crap

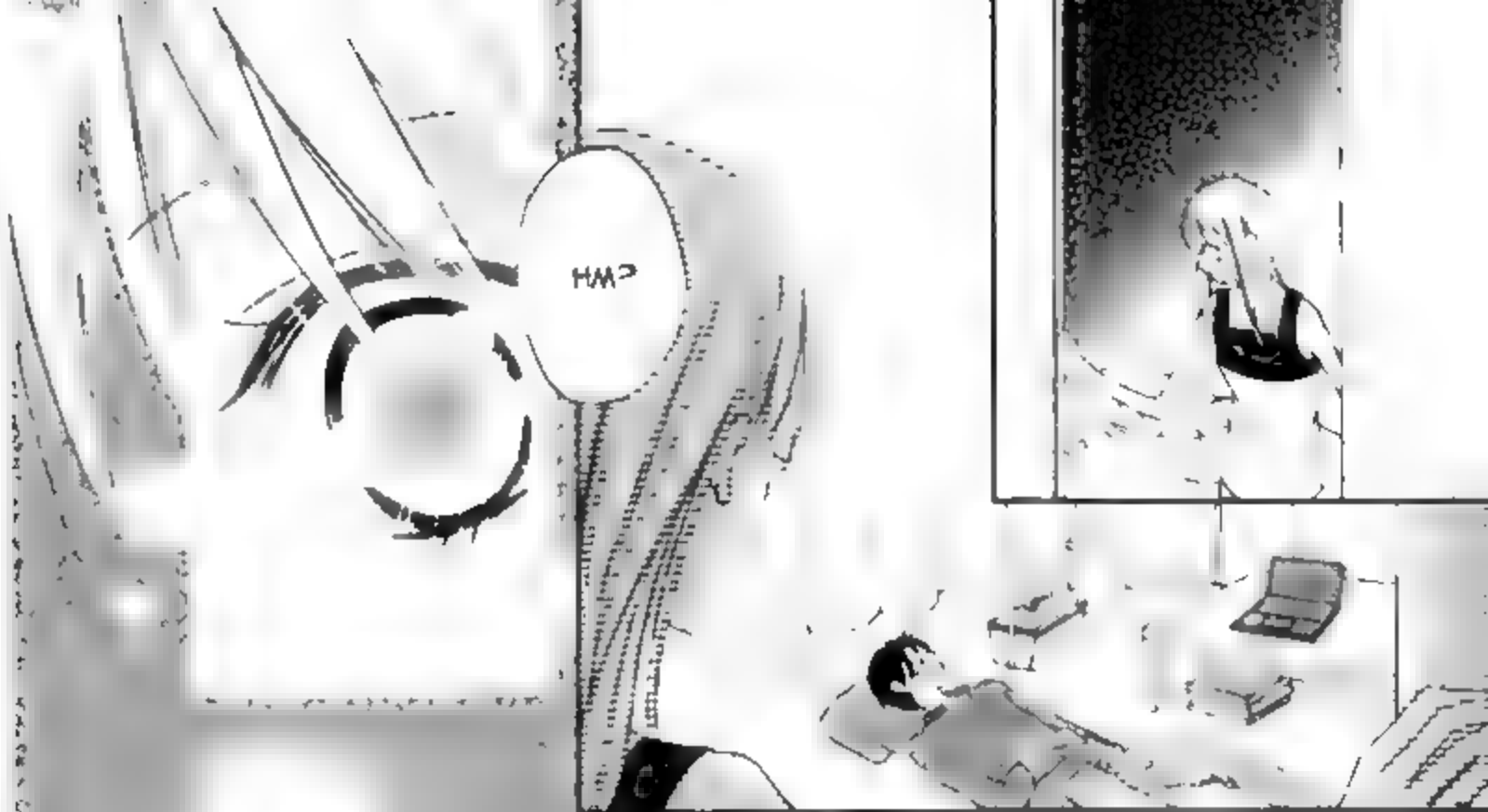
THE
FOXES AND
RACCOONS
ON THE
MOUNTAIN
ALSO GATHE-
RED SO THEY
COULD SEE
WHICH OF THE
TWO WAS
STRONGER

THE TURTLE
RAN FRANTI-
CALLY TO
CATCH THE
RABBIT, WHO
HAD CARE-
LESSLY IG-
NORED THE
RACE

Nahamura-
san's voice
putting them
to sleep is...

nodding
off

The alpha
waves are...





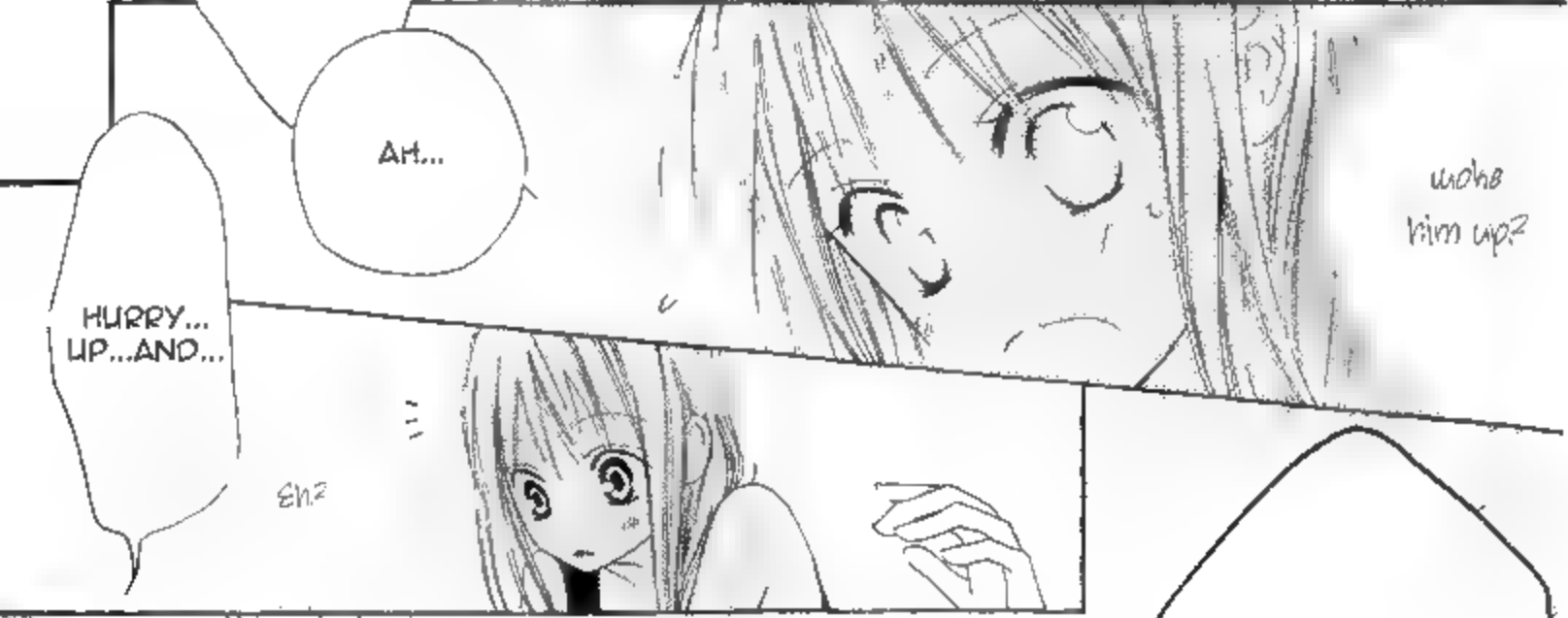
...at home,
his defense-
less form is

---NNN---

AH...

HURRY...
UP...AND...

who's
him up?



EH?



EH?!

GR

GO TO
SLEEP!!!

AGH!

AB





WHAT AM
I DOING...

GLAM

tmp
tmp

That
surprised
me...

Tha...





CHIRP

CHIRP

CHIRP

!

Waa...

That's a
that sort of
a thing.

I wonder if it
might make her
not want to come
to the house

In the
end,

I didn't give
it to her yester-
day, either...





No!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AOI...!



**Gya
aaa
aaa
!!!**

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BULLY GIRLS, ARE YOU?



AHH! THE TEETH-MARKS...

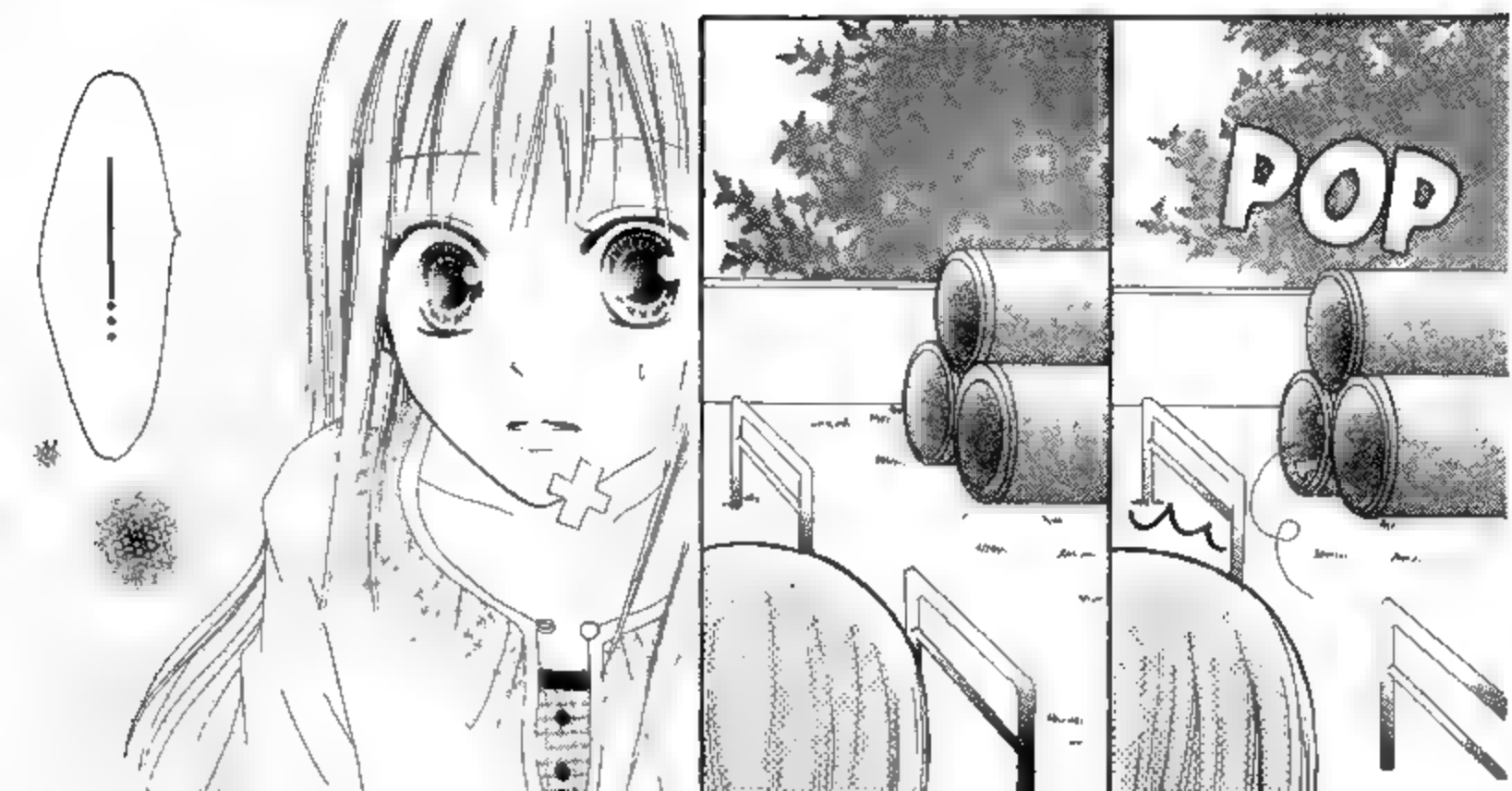


.....









When I
was little,



AOI-
KUN...



"Mamaaaa!"

I got really
nervous when
people got mad
at me, too.




--Come
to
think
of it,



of the
world is
being



no matter
how much
you want to
see them,
or where
you search



for the person
who said, "I love
you lots,"

or who would
hug you no
matter what,

they aren't
here anymore.

AOI-
KUN...



LOVE
AOI-KUN
LOTS!

YOU
KNOW,

I.



AOI-KUN

UNDERSTOOD
THAT THE FLOWERS
WERE HURTING

BECAUSE
HE'S SUCH
A NICE BOY.



I KNOW THAT
HE WOULDN'T

BITE HIS
FRIENDS FOR
NO REASON.

**Waa
aaa
aah
!!!**

~~~  
**Wa...**

*uwaaaaah*

*uwaaaaah*

I SHOULD  
HAVE LISTENED  
TO YOUR EXPLA-  
NATION.

I'M SORRY,  
AOI.

FORGIVE ME,  
AOI?

Umm,  
IT LOOKS LIKE  
AKANE'S DOLL  
WAS DAMAGED  
BY MANA.

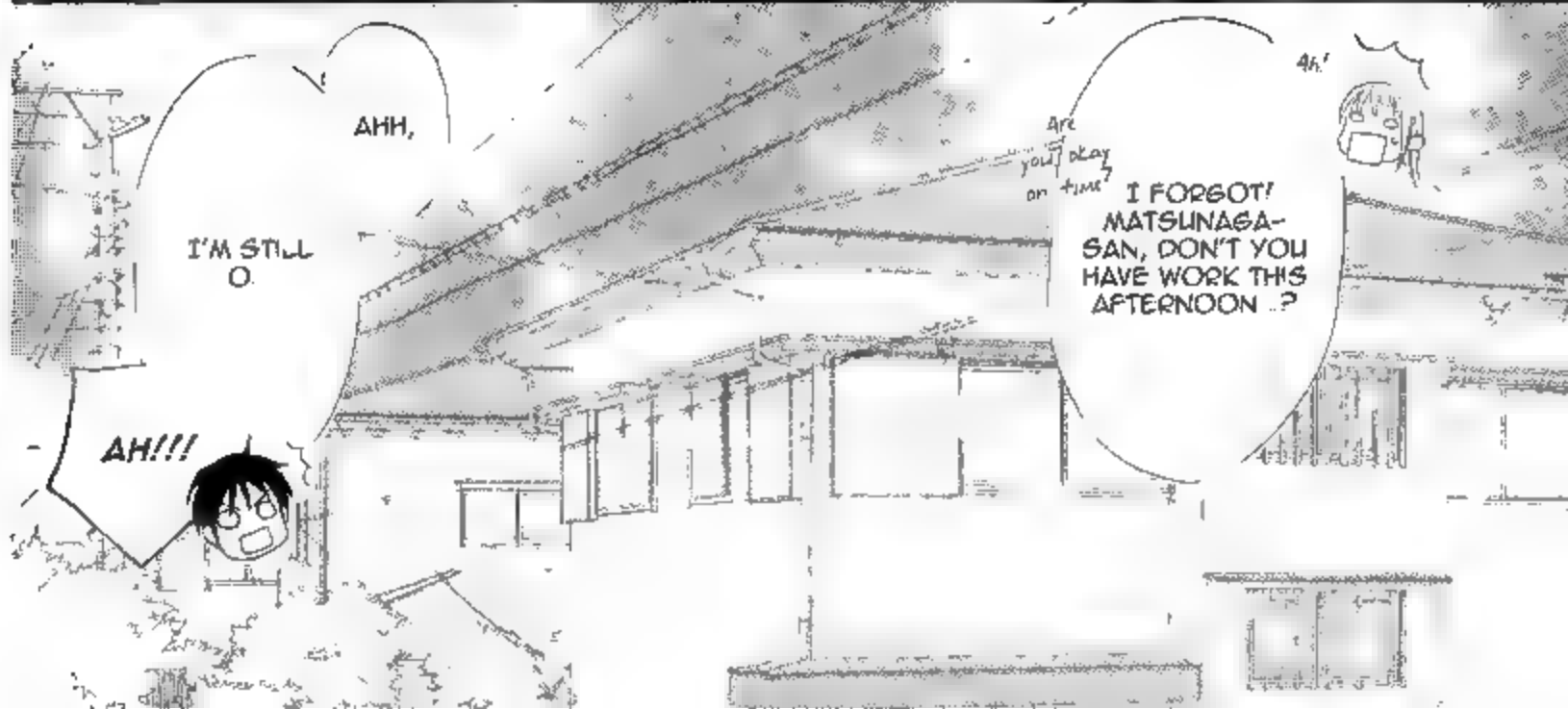
EH...

AOI SAW THAT  
AND HE GOT  
MAD..

Got it  
fixed

WAS THAT WHAT  
HAPPENED?

nod





HERE...

IT'S THE  
KEY TO OUR  
HOUSE.

...

AH...

IS THAT  
SO!

BEFORE  
WORK, THE  
THING I  
WANTED TO  
GIVE YOU...!

I WANT  
YOU TO  
HAVE IT.

BECAUSE

WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU  
SAYING?! YOU CAN'T!  
THAT KEY'S REALLY  
IMPORTANT! YOU CAN'T  
JUST GIVE IT TO  
SOME OUTSIDER---!!!

...?

SCOOT  
SCOOT

I WANT  
YOU TO  
HAVE IT

place

TO ME,

AND TO  
AKANE AND  
AOI...

BECAUSE IT'S  
IMPORTANT.



YOUR  
EXISTENCE  
IS MORE  
IMPORTANT  
▶ THAN  
ANYONE  
ELSE'S.



IS... IS  
IT REALLY  
OKAY?!

YES.

UAAA...  
UAAA.

TH...  
THEN,



YES!



IT'S  
FINE...

ER?  
Right  
NOW?

IS... IS IT  
OKAY IF I  
USE IT?!



NAKAMURA-SAN,  
COULD THIS BE...

CLICK  
AH, I  
LOCKED  
IT!!  
UN-  
LOCKED  
CLICK IT!

LOCKED  
IT!!!

CLICK  
LIKE  
THIS?



...THE FIRST  
TIME

YOU'VE HAD  
A KEY?



—

See, it's a key  
to your house!

Key?

Yeah!

AKANE-CHAAAAN,  
AOI-KUUUN!

LOOK,  
LOOOOOK!

Important  
memories

will be born  
anew...

...And just from  
those words

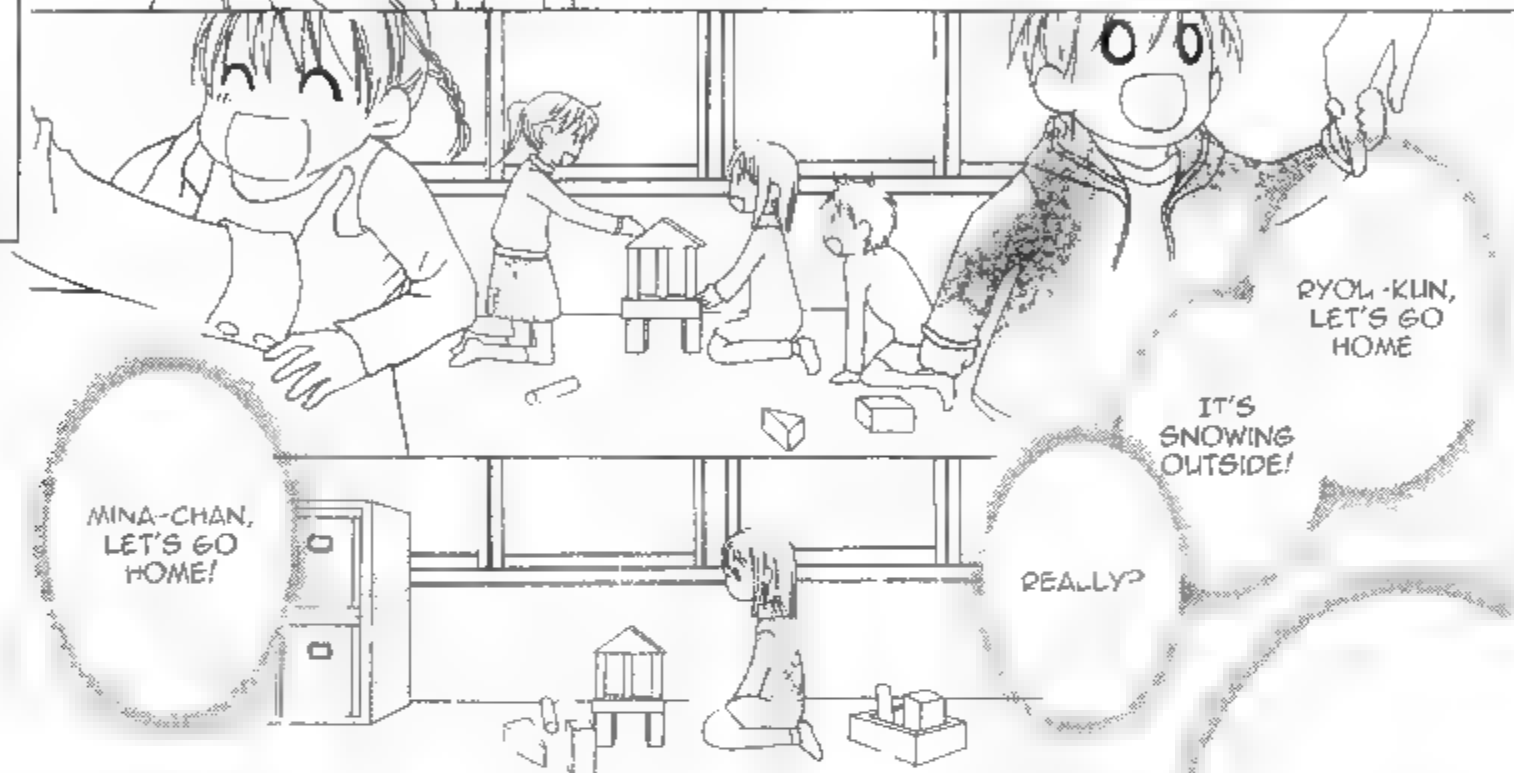
"important  
existence."

"I'm glad  
she was  
fixed!"

Everything

from beloved,  
regular days.

I'M  
SO SORRY!  
LET'S GET  
HOME FAST  
AND HAVE A  
PARTY



IT'S  
SNOWING  
OUTSIDE!

REALLY?

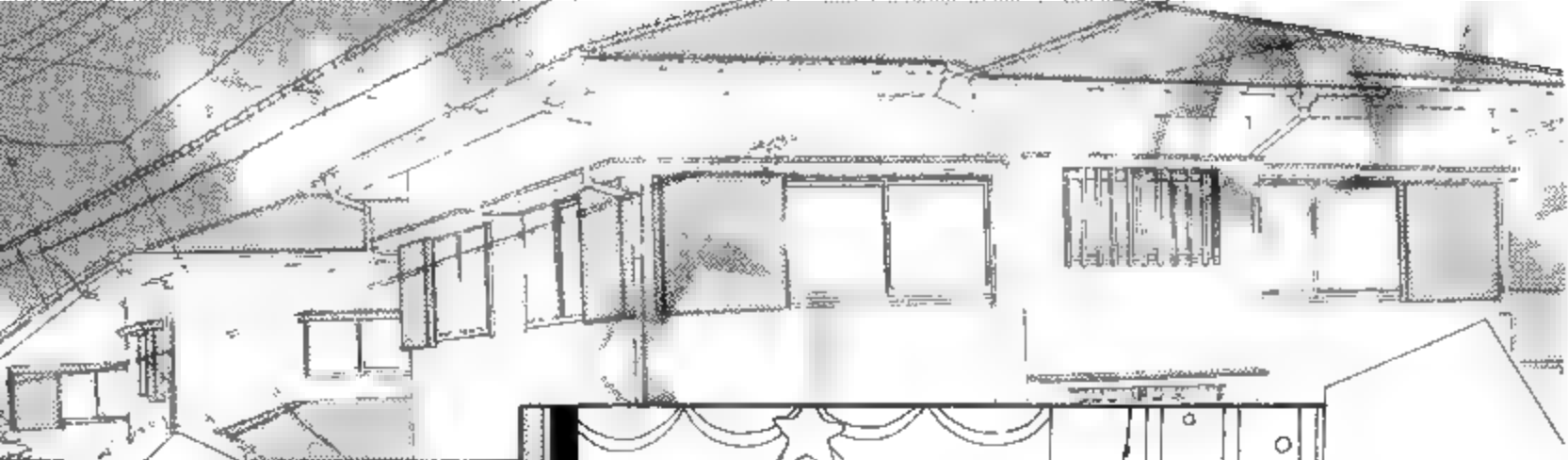


FINE, BUT...



# Chapter 3





I wonder  
what Santa-san  
will bring for  
presents?



It's the  
long-awaited  
Christmas!

Let's all get  
ready for the  
party!



Akane Matsunaga (2)



Aoi Matsunaga (2)



Seiji Matsunaga (25)

GOOD  
MORNING!

Shiharu-tan,  
welcome 'ome!

Shiharu Nakamura (16)

dash

I'm working  
part-time as a  
babysitter.

In order to  
realize my dream  
of running a day-  
care.

sorry for  
intruding

I don't live  
at this house.

I'M  
BACK!

cou gh

Do you have a stomachache?!

Are you alright...?!

Are—

AH..  
NAKAMURA-SAN, WELCOME.

cough

cough

here the Matsunaga family has a certain set of circumstances..

Matsunaga-san?!

The Twin's Father



disappeared

The Twin's Mother



Death

Waaaaah

Mommyyyy  
Daddy!!!

their uncle, who is named Seiji Matsunaga-san.

The guardian of these twin angels, Ohana-chan and Doru-kun, is currently

EMP

The combination of work and the childcare he's not used to is difficult for him.

Even so Matsunaga-san has taken a step forward,

becoming a popular announcer for a certain TV station.







So, let's  
all sing  
together!

I have started  
helping them out.



THAT'S RIGHT,  
BESIDES, I

THE DAYCARE  
IS HAVING A  
PARTY, RIGHT?

with  
Shinichi-  
tan!

Leeet's!

Santa an' all  
come!!



...



AAA  
GGG  
HHHH  
HHHH





EH ..

NO,  
NOT AT  
Aunt!

IF YOU'RE  
ALSO HAVING  
ONE AT THE  
ESTABLISHMENT,  
WON'T IT BE A  
BOTHER HAVING  
ANOTHER

SINCE I'M  
FREE ON THE  
AFTERNOON OF  
THE TWENTY-  
FIFTH, SHOULD  
WE PLAN ON  
THAT ...?

LIM...

I'M HAVING A  
PARTY AT THE  
ESTABLISHMENT  
ON THE 24TH, SO  
I CAN'T, EITHER,  
BUT ..

IT'S  
JUST  
LIM..

!!!

W  
H  
A  
A  
A

A  
A  
A

IT'S  
JUST,

AFTER SUCH  
A LONG TIME,  
IT WOULD BE  
NICE .. KINDA.

thank

I HAVEN'T HAD  
A PARTY AT HOME  
FOR MORE THAN  
TEN YEARS



Since then,  
I grew up in a  
child welfare es-  
tablishment.

my on's  
aunt-re'ative,  
my mother,  
died...

eleven  
years ago

**LET'S  
DO IT.**

an  
incredibly  
important  
place...

The  
Marunaga  
family

accepts me as  
if I'm a member  
of their family

GR

AB

Welcome  
'ome!

WE'LL HAVE  
A PARTY! ON  
THE 25TH!

To me  
it is

!!!

YAY!!!

With that,

SHIHARU-CHAN,  
WHAT ARE YOU  
MAKING?

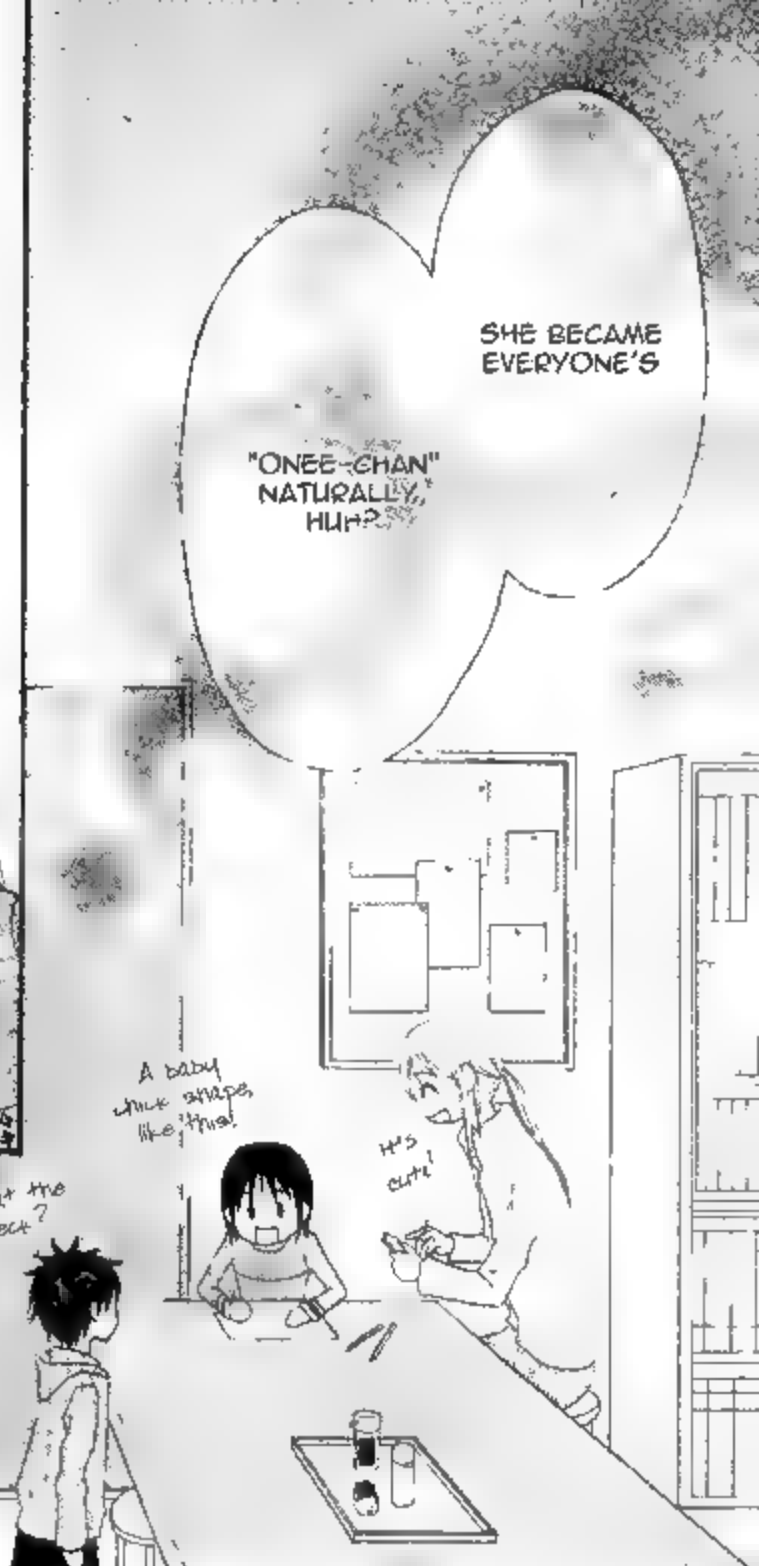
It is decided that  
I'll have my first  
home party in  
eleven years!





HOW  
STUPID...

A LABEL  
FOR LOST  
KIDS...



SHE BECAME  
EVERYONE'S

"ONEE-CHAN"  
NATURALLY,  
HUH?

A baby  
chick shape,  
like that!

It's  
cute!

What the  
hell?

NAO-KUN  
DOESN'T THINK  
OF SHIHARU-  
CHAN AS A  
CLASSMATE,  
DOES HE?

**SHADDUP!**  
THE COP WAS  
JUST GETTING IN  
THE WAY OF ME  
GETTING BACK  
HOME ON MY  
OWN!

NAO-KUN GOT LOST  
WHEN HE WAS A THIRD  
GRADER, TOO, AND A  
POLICEMAN BROUGHT  
HIM BACK HOME,  
HALF-CRYING!

..COME  
TO THINK  
OF IT,

NAO-  
KUN..

THAT'S  
PROBABLY  
JUST A NOR-  
MAL FIRST-  
YEAR HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENT

How  
nostalgic!



Ahhh!

THE TWO OF YOU HAVE TO SIT A LITTLE FARTHER FROM THE TV TO WATCH.

GR

AB

Nooo!

HAHA

Close!

STAAAAARE

That's bad for their eyes...

...IT SAID SO!

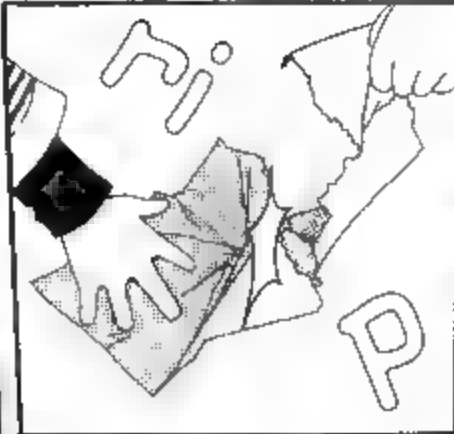
WHAT'S THAT? "IF I'M LOOKED AT THAT CLOSELY, I'LL GET SO EMBARRASSED, I'LL DISAPPEAR !!"

?!

OH NO!! THE TV SAID THAT IT'S EMBARRASSED!







A present,  
huh...

Announcer  
Staff

RIP

!!!

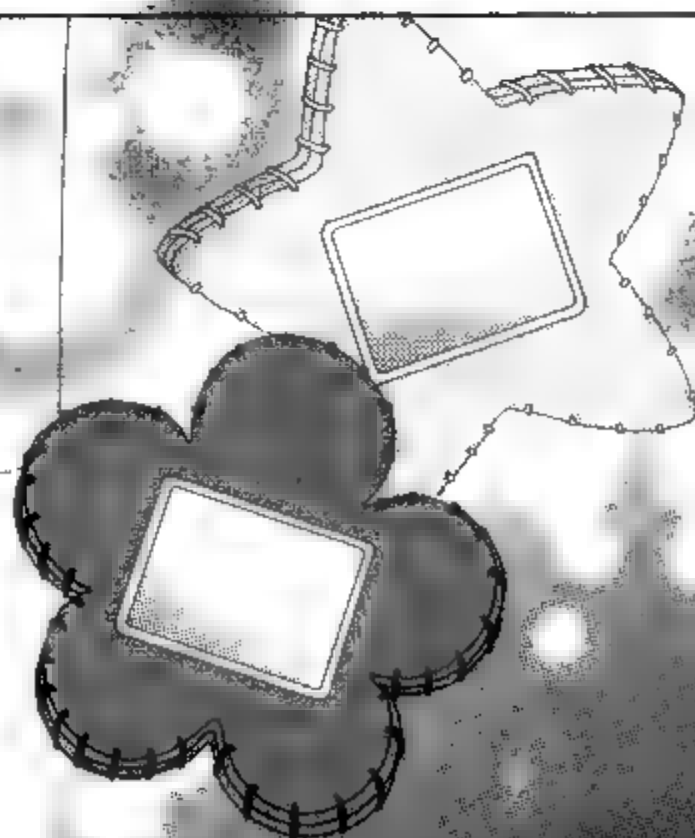
ALRIGHT!

MATSUMAGA-SAN,  
STOP WITH THE  
SCANDAL.

WHAT  
KIND OF GIFT  
DO YOU THINK  
A HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRL THESE DAYS  
WOULD BE HAPPY  
TO RECEIVE?

You were a  
university student  
up until three  
years ago.

DONE!





NG

SENSEI!  
FUKA-CHAN'S  
GOT A FEVER!

BA

IF WE  
DON'T HAVE ANY  
MEDICINE, IT MIGHT  
BE BETTER TO TAKE  
HER TO THE HOS-  
PITAL.

MY, MY

squeeze

I WONDER.

I WONDER  
IF THE PARTY  
YESTERDAY  
TIRED HER OUT  
TOO MUCH.

SHIHARU-CHAN,  
DIDN'T YOU ALREADY  
HAVE PLANS FOR  
TODAY?

IT'S FINE  
THE DOCTOR'S  
HERE, SO WE'RE  
IN LUCK

YES

AH







BUT HER IMPORTANT  
FRIEND CAUGHT A  
COLD.

SHE ISN'T  
COMING UNTIL SHE  
GETS BETTER.

ba-thump  
ba-thump

WELL,

IT WAS  
NAKAMURA-  
SAN.

CO-  
MING

ISN'T



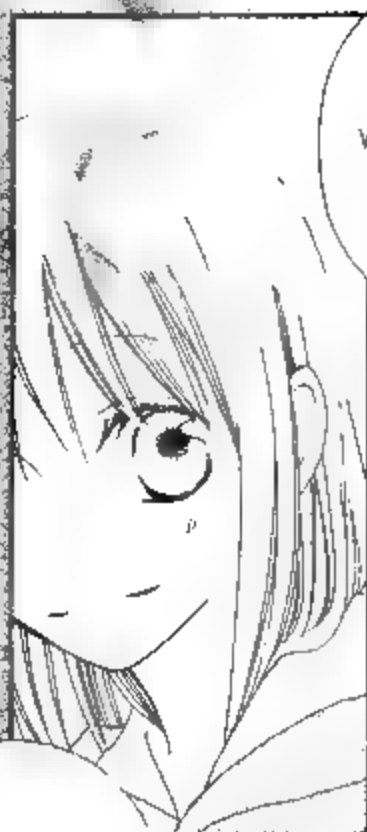
NOOOOO!!!











FUUKA...  
WAS SO COLD  
EARLIER...

IT'S FINE,  
DON'T WORRY



IT MADE  
ME A LITTLE  
SCARED..

YOU WERE  
HAVING A PARTY  
AT THE LITTLE  
KIDS' HOUSE,  
RIGHT..?

TODAY



EVERYONE GETS  
LONELY WHEN THEY  
GET A COLD.

THE LITTLE KIDS  
MIGHT STILL BE  
WAITING ON YOU..

AND NOW  
IT'S TOO  
LATE ..?





This institution  
took me, who  
didn't have any  
relatives, in, and  
raised me

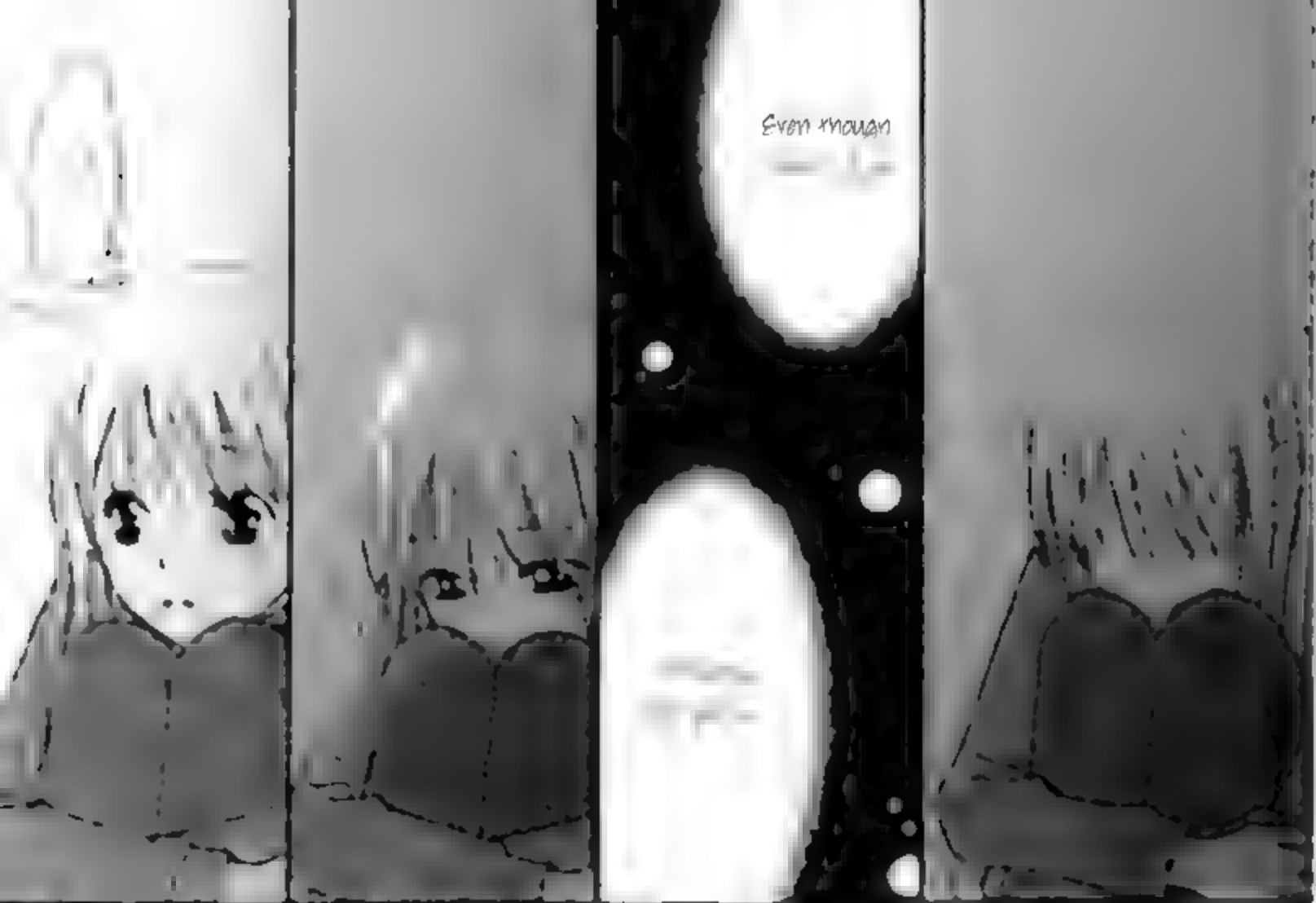
I can't  
be a bother  
here.

I'm the  
oldest person

Shut

Paaaty!

With Shibaru-  
taaaaaan!



I'M SORRY,  
I'M SORRY!

I'M SORRY  
FOR BEING  
LATE!

IT STARTED  
SNOWING  
OUTSIDE!

CHRISTMAS  
ISN'T OVER  
YET!

WELL, LET'S  
GO HOME AND  
HAVE A PARTY.

in cold  
clothes and  
shoes,

out of breath,  
came to pick me  
up.

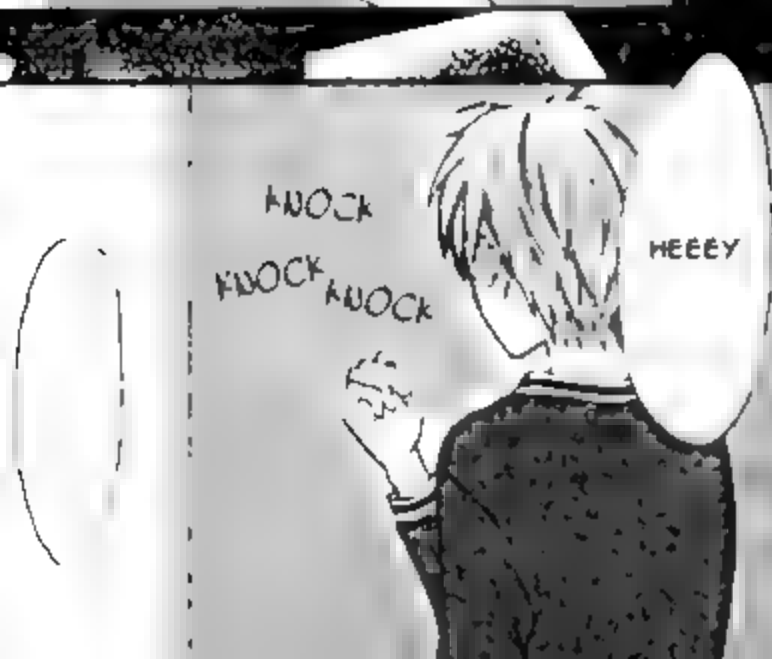


That was  
the moment I  
understood.

The sadness  
would all melt away  
and disappear.



I have to go...





I'M  
OPENING  
THE DOOR

click



EH??

WHAT,  
SHIHARU-CHAN  
RAN AWAY?!



I HAVE TO GO  
GET HER BACK  
RIGHT NOW!!

WAIT,  
MAO-KUN!



NO  
THE LETTER  
SAYS

THAT SHE  
WAS BREAKING  
THE RULES BUT  
THERE WAS A  
PLACE SHE HAD  
TO GO TO







BUT  
TODAY,  
I HAD...

WHEN  
I GET  
HOME,  
I'LL TELL  
THE TEA-  
CHERS  
HONEST-  
LY!

I'M  
SORRY!

YOU  
SNUCK  
OUT...



DON'T  
TELL ME

...



BUT, IT WAS  
MY SELFISH  
JUDGMENT..

EH...

IT WAS US  
WHO INVITED  
YOU, THOUGH.



...I  
UNDER-  
STAND.

THEN, TODAY  
I'LL TAKE YOU  
BACK, AND WE  
CAN EXPLAIN IT  
TOGETHER.  
THEN



BUT,

YOU WENT  
THROUGH SO  
MUCH TROUBLE  
TO COME,

I'm being  
a bother to  
Matsunaga-  
san...

....



**Mewwy  
Chwistmas!**

SO FOR  
NOW.

UMMM, IT'S  
SOME KIND  
OF PENDANT?  
MEOW?

They both  
did the same  
thing.

**Neclace!**

\*Necklace

↑  
Determined

THESE  
ARE

CHRISTMAS  
PRESENTS FROM  
THE TWO OF THEM  
THAT THEY MADE  
FOR YOU.

EH...



YOU MADE THEM. ?

For Shiharu-tan!

A NECKLACE?

FOR ME?

These small nanas,

with all their might..

with just that



THANK YOU..

I become warm throughout my entire heart.

I'LL TREASURE THEM!

I HAVE PRESENTS FOR YOU TWO

THAT'S RIGHT!





I... I'M SORRY!  
I DIDN'T... I DIDN'T  
PREPARE ANYTHING!

EHH  
HHH  
P!!

What a  
disgrace!

Focused on  
the twins.

NO... IT'S  
FINE, I JUST  
WANTED TO  
GIVE YOU  
SOMETHING

..EH?

Here  
THIS,  
TOO

A PRESENT  
FROM ME.

THAT'S  
NOT TRUE

..IT'S  
BECAUSE

BU--

BUT, I'M  
ALWAYS

SWEAT  
SWEAT

RECEIVING  
SO MANY  
THINGS

FROM  
MATSUNAGA-  
SAN...

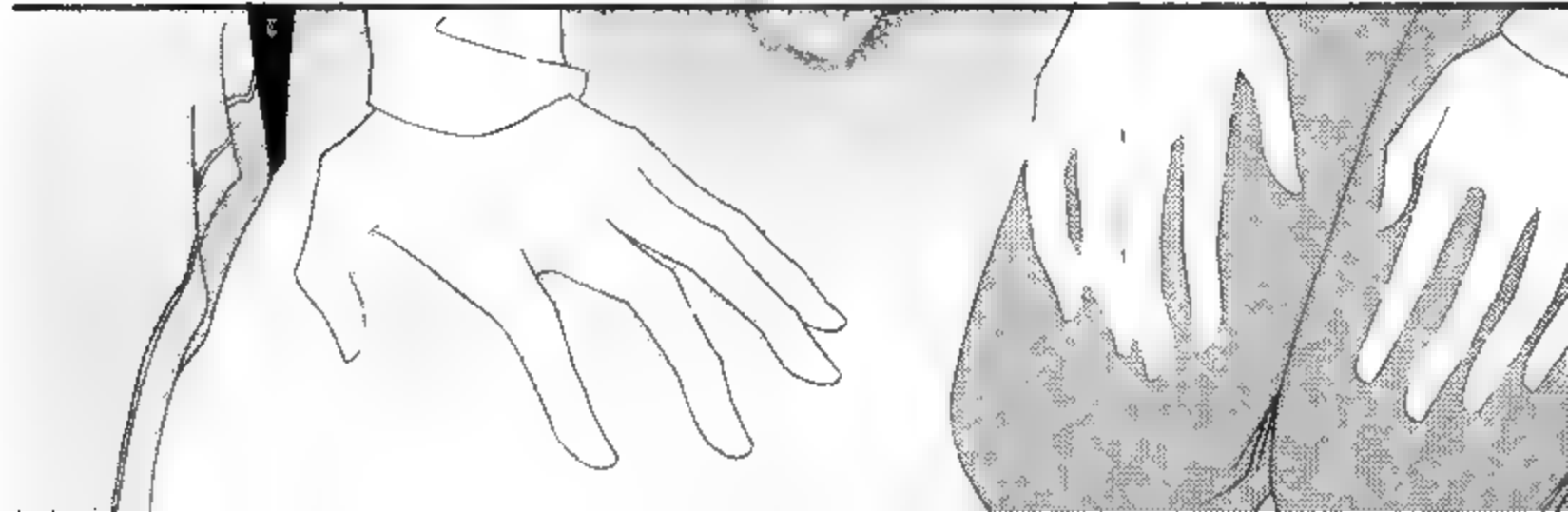


SO MANY  
THINGS FROM  
NAKAMURA-SAN.

I'VE BEEN  
RECEIVING



EH..







No,  
that's  
Akane's!

Ao-  
kun's!

Ah!

crash

?!

Shock



HOLD ON..  
I'LL GO AHEAD  
AND CHANGE HER  
CLOTHES!

Ao  
knocked  
over!

YOU'LL  
CATCH A  
COLD,  
SO LET'S  
CHANGE  
CLOTHES,  
OKAY?

you  
startled  
me!

AAAAH...

AKANE-  
CHAN, YOUR  
CLOTHES...

What did  
you do?

FLUSTERED

AHH..

SPLASH

THANKS.



TL Note: In Japan, octopi are thought of as having puckered lips





Because I  
was busy.

I had thought  
that it was  
fine to not have  
Christmas.

Octopus-  
san!

The person who  
came to know of  
me as important,



to me,

that is  
a gift

more important  
than anything.



I'M SORRY,  
I'LL COME  
RIGHT NOW  
TO PICK  
HER UP!

Thank you,  
Nahamura-  
san!!

She looks like  
she's a lost child,  
and she's wearing  
a name tag... This  
phone number was  
written on it...

Waaaah...  
Se-taan!

## Chapter 4

LOVE

SO

LIFE





HEY,  
MUMMY

HMMM?

DADDY'S,  
WELL I  
GUESS HE'S  
UP IN THE  
SKY

WHERE IS  
SHIHARU'S  
DADDY?

FROM UP  
IN THE HIGH,  
WIDE SKY,

HE'S ALWAYS  
WATCHING OVER  
SHIHARU.

My  
father...

...before  
I was  
born,

passed  
away.

and my mother  
when I was five  
years old.

Aoi Matsunaga (2)

Shiharu-  
tan!

let's  
gooooo!

Even  
ears  
aren't

Akane Matsunaga (2)

I've been  
working part-  
time here  
as a  
babysitter for  
the Matsunaga  
fam'ly,

Shiharu Nakamura (16)

OKAY!

BRING  
IT ON!

I've  
become very  
cheerful

PAT

PAIN, PAIN,  
FLY AWAY!

PAT

WAA  
AAA  
HHH  
!!!!!!

WHUMP

HIIT!

Ack!

GAH!

Their  
guardian,

and the  
owner of this  
house &

Now to  
Matsunaga-  
san, in the  
field Ma-  
tsunaga  
Saaaaan!

Well, it seems  
that the connection  
has been made.

Yes!

Everyone,  
Happy New  
Year!

CHOCE

Every day,  
this man is  
preasured by  
his job on  
TV...



I'm Seiji  
Matsunaga,  
announcer for  
JX Television.

Right.

IT MUST  
BE TOUGH  
DOING THAT ON  
NEW YEAR'S,  
RIGHT?

poor  
guy

Don't really  
understand

There are  
300,000 visitors  
to the Hongou  
Shrine each year!

There's an  
incredible turn out  
this year, too.

Ahh,  
something  
over there  
smells de-  
licious.

**SIZZLE**

Why, it's the amazing  
Hiroshima-style cooking!  
The sweet smell of the  
sauce is really making  
me hungry!

Oh, and over  
here is a buttered-  
potato stand!

**DROO**

EH...

Let's  
goooooooooooo  
!!!!!!!

CRASH

Ahi  
Cameraman,  
are you all  
right?!

Umm...  
Excuse me.  
Please don't  
push...

the last  
connection

Matsunaga-  
san, what  
happened?!

CHATTER  
CHATTER

Gosh, he's  
so cute! Look  
over here!

Agh... hey,  
please don't  
touch me in  
weird pi-

Excuse  
us while we  
briefly return  
to the station!

Visit the  
shrine!

YOU WANT  
TO VISIT THE  
SHRINE?

KYAH!

You're  
Matsun from  
the news!

WON'T IT  
BE REALLY  
CROWDED?

Umm.

I'm a  
huge  
fan!

Thank Ah.  
JOW VERY  
much.

let's go,  
let's go,  
let's go,  
let's go!

—you'd be  
pushed, crushed  
and kicked and  
horrible things  
would happen.

It's so  
crowded.

If little kids  
like you went  
there...

WORN

OUT

Seiji  
Matsunaga

•ON

Mode

•OFF





A NEARBY SHRINE...?



AKANE-CHAN,  
AOI-KUN

MATSUMAGA-  
SAN IS WORN OUT  
FROM WORK,

SO WHEN  
IT GETS LESS  
CROWDED, I'LL  
TAKE YOU TO A  
NEARBY SHRINE.

Do you  
understand  
what I'm  
saying?!

?

Don't Understand



IT'S NOT  
THAT YOU  
CAN'T GO  
THERE..

IT-

CAN'T IT?

YES.

WAIT,

THE  
NASHIRO  
SHRINE...?

It's a place  
where guys  
go to scam on  
girls!

Here you  
are

Thank  
you

EH..

WILL YOU BE  
OKAY? YOU'VE  
BEEN LOOKING  
FORWARD TO A  
BREAK..

WOULD IT  
BE OKAY IF I  
CAME ALONG?

?

It's  
dangerous....!

Now that  
I think of  
it,

Where  
should we  
meet?

Then let's  
meet up  
outside

YOU'LL TRIP  
IF YOU DON'T  
WATCH WHERE  
YOU'RE GOING

I wonder  
what I  
should  
wear

It's the first  
time the four  
of us have gone  
out.

Pan-  
cakes!

Peanuts!

AKANE-CHAN,  
AOI-KHULIN!

'orning!

GOOD  
MORNING!

Wow!

The two  
of you are  
so cute!

Calves?!

moo  
moo

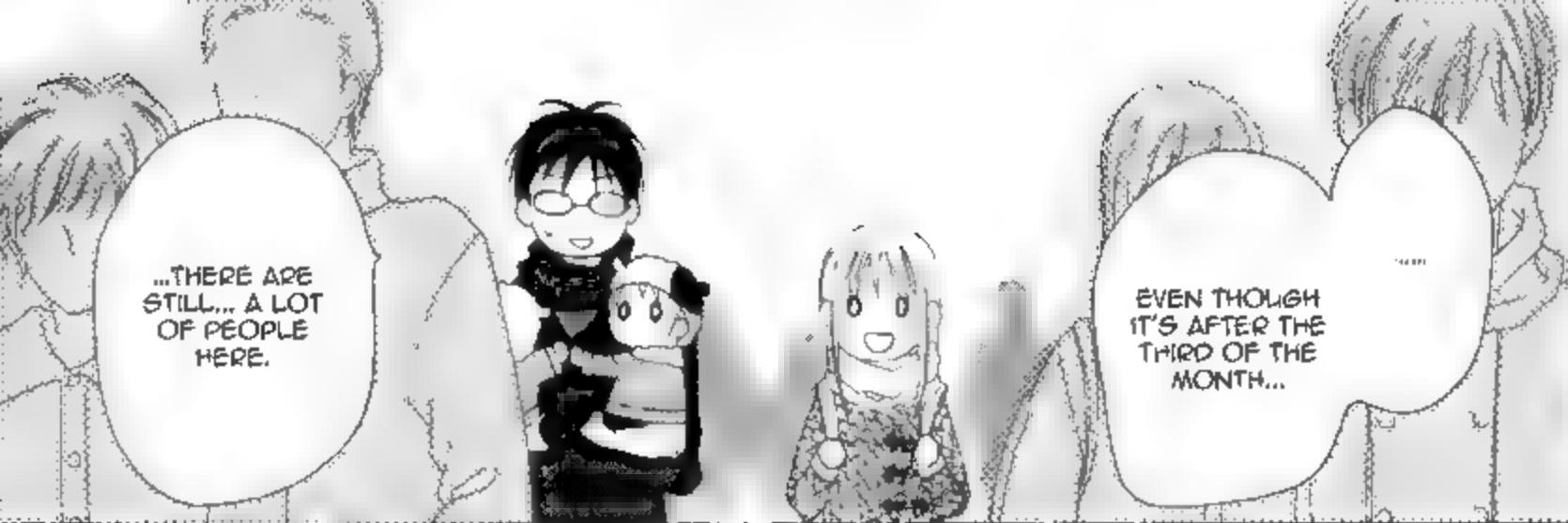
YEAH, IT WAS  
INTERESTING,  
SO I THOUGHT  
I'D TRY TO  
DRESS THEM  
LIKE THIS.

I-I'M SORRY,  
I WAS BEING  
FESTIVE!

NAKAMURA-SAN,  
YOU LOOK A LITTLE  
DIFFERENT THAN  
USUAL, TOO.

NO...











NAKAMURA-SAN  
IS ALWAYS TAKING  
CARE OF US

HELLO.

I'M  
MATSUNAGA



...A VERY  
IMPORTANT  
MEMBER OF  
THE FAMILY.

IS SHE A  
FRIEND FROM  
SCHOOL?

MA-

SHOULD BE BE  
INTRODUCED  
N MAB X AC  
OBBY A?

AH...  
Y-YES!

Then,

PLEASE TAKE  
CARE OF HER

SHE'S  
BECOME

Sei-tan,  
pancakes!

Oh

LET'S  
GO EAT

When my  
mother died

I met...

...the members  
of her estranged  
family just once.

Family...

たこやき

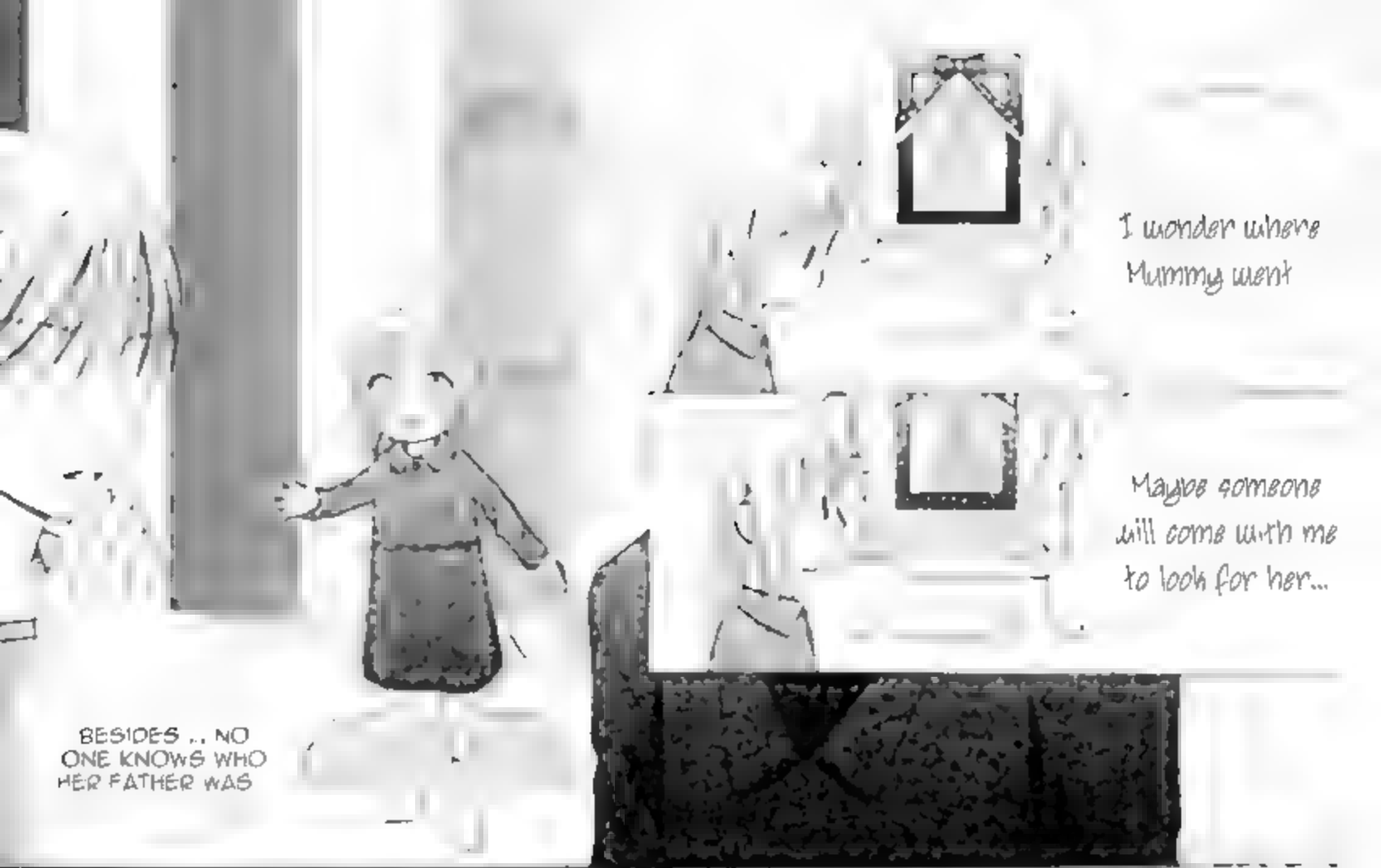
WELL OUR  
HOUSE WAS  
JUST BUILT  
SO WE CAN'T  
AFFORD TO  
HAVE HER

BUT IF WE TOOK  
HER IN AYAKO'S  
INHERITANCE  
WOULD

DON'T  
SAY  
THAT

WE CAN'T  
TAKE CARE  
OF HER

IT'S A REALLY  
DIFFICULT TIME  
BECAUSE MY  
ELDEST SON  
IS TAKING HIS  
EXAMS AND HA  
VING HER WILL  
BE A BOTHER



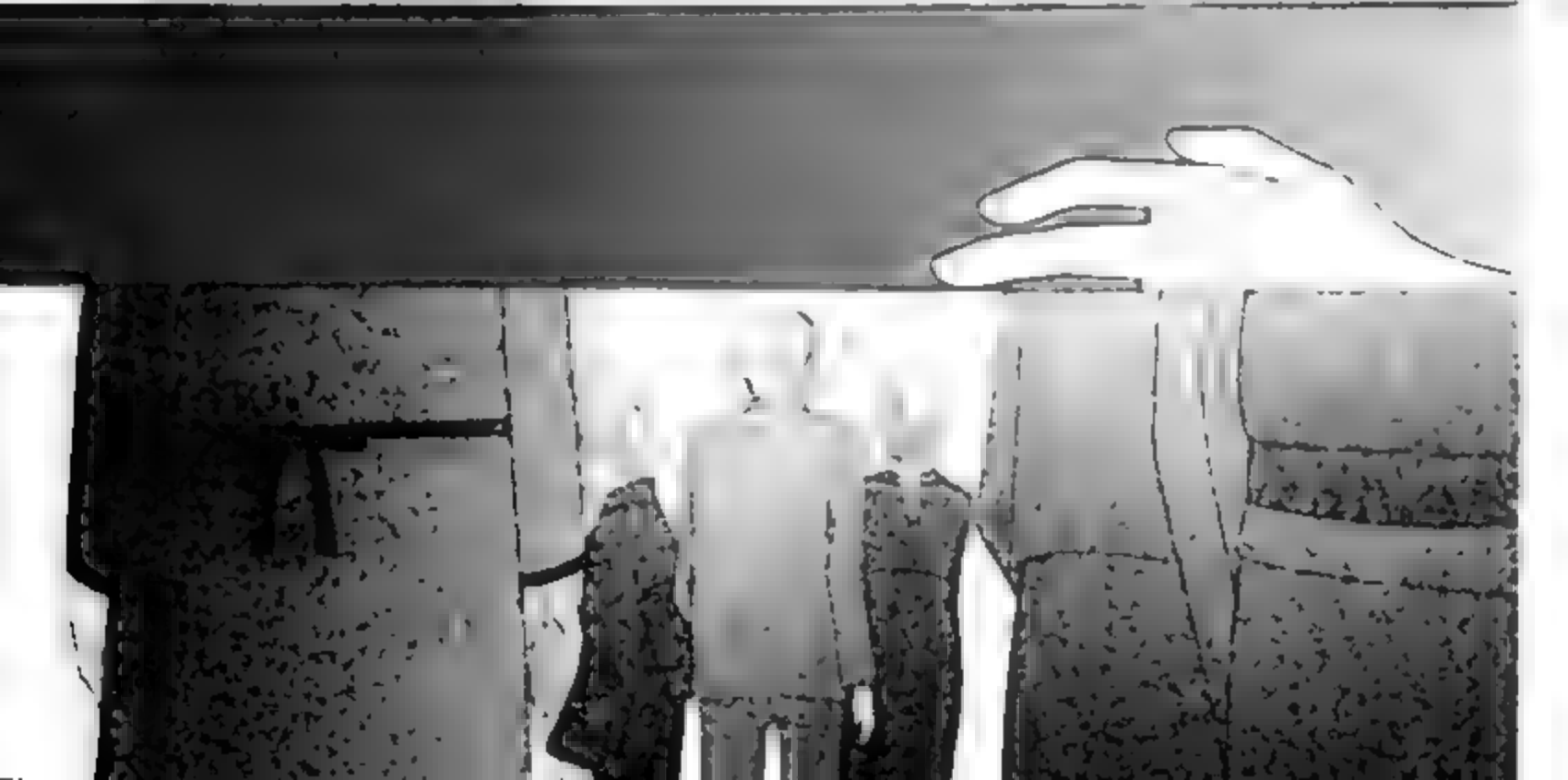
BESIDES ... NO  
ONE KNOWS WHO  
HER FATHER WAS

I wonder where  
Mummy went

Maybe someone  
will come with me  
to look for her...



HOW  
SICKENING.









Nahamura-san's  
in trouble!



I...

I finally lost them...

chatter

chatter

HUH? HAVE I LOST SIGHT OF HIM?

WHERE IS HE?

I'm lost!

Cray.



Shiharu-taaaaan...

IT'S OKAY

IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A SHRINE,

SO WE'LL FIND HER SOON.

Sei-tan!

No Shiharu-tan!

AH, IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.

I'LL CALL HER NOW.

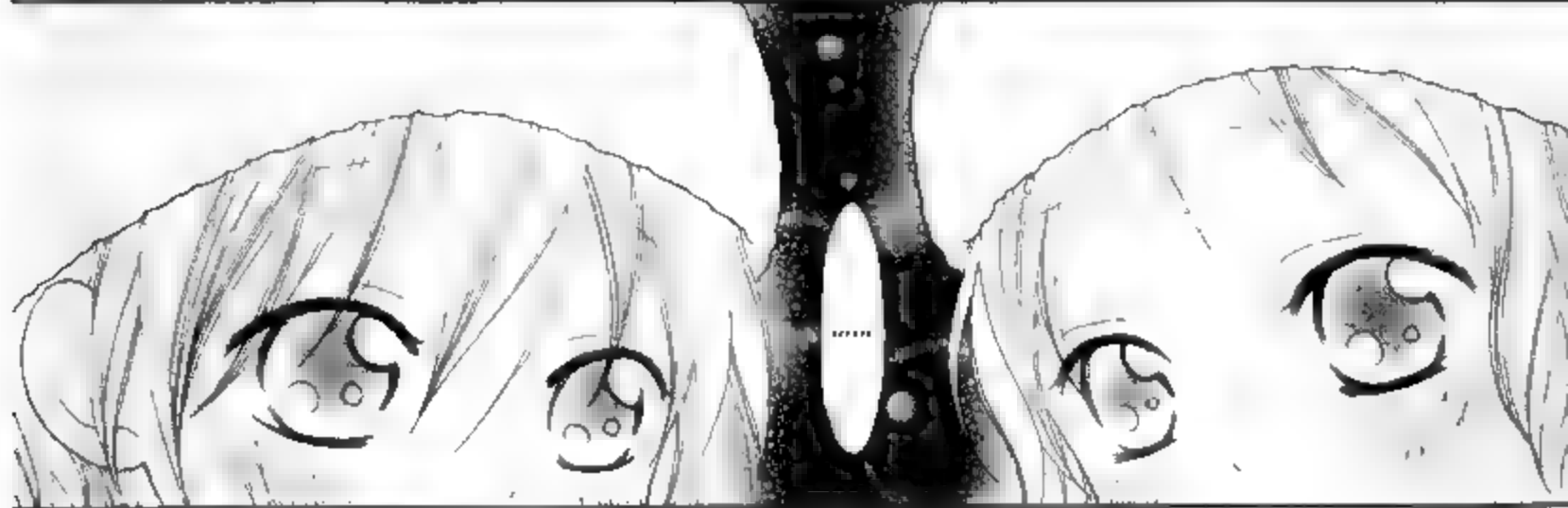
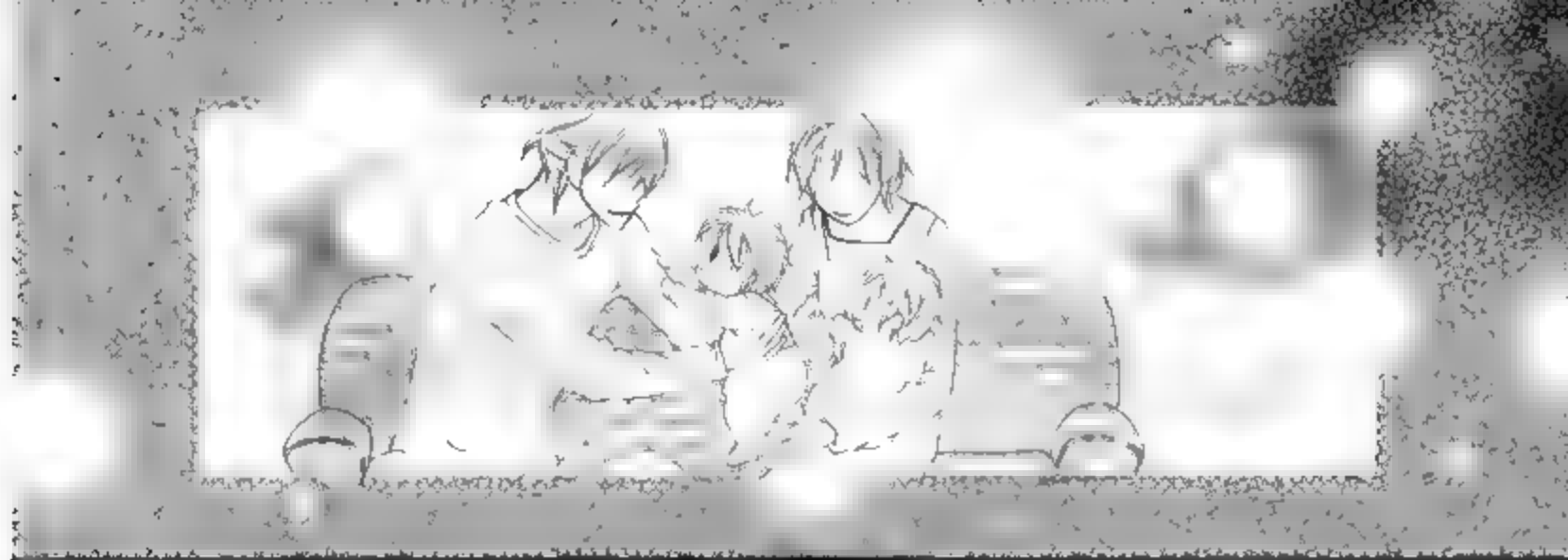
AH!

She doesn't..

have a ce.. phone!

NOT A MODERN GIRL





Where are  
they?

Sei-  
tan.

Daddy and  
Mummy...



WHERE

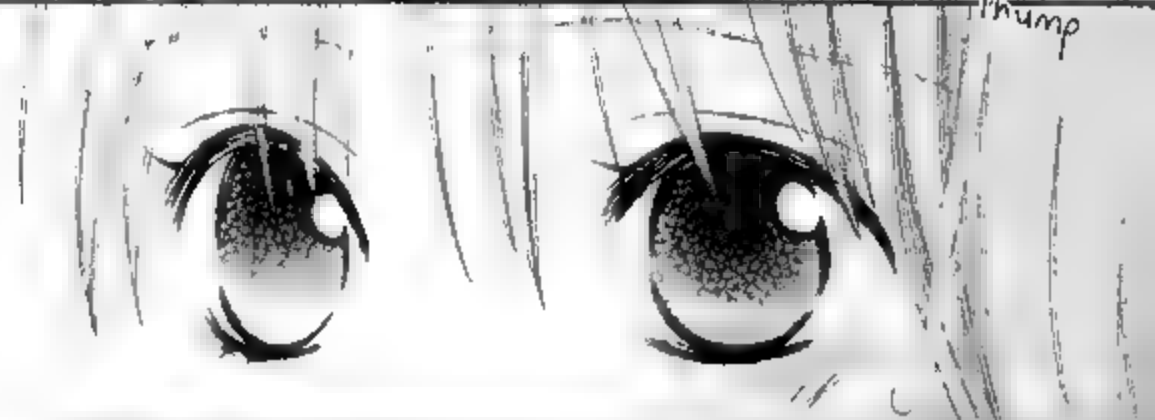






ba-  
thump

ba-  
thump



...I'm scared.

air  
wonder  
what

I've only  
become  
separated  
from them.



There  
are so many  
people here...

Even  
though...



CRAB

THEN, LEAVE  
YOUR FRIENDS.

COME ON,  
COME DRINK  
WITH US!

EH...

HEY, HEY,  
ARE YOU  
HERE  
ALONE?

DID YOU GET  
SEPARATED  
FROM YOUR  
FRIENDS?

light  
they  
near of  
a cave

L

PULL  
PULL

IT'S FINE!  
I'M GOING  
TO MEET  
THEM!

IT'S ALL  
RIGHT, WE'RE  
GOING TO  
HAVE FUN!

WE'LL GO  
WITH YOU  
TO LOOK  
FOR THEM.

AH...

NO,  
THANK YOU,  
I'M FINE.

I'M NOT  
GOING!

PLEASE  
LET ME GO!

dragging

ALL RIGHT,  
SOUNDS  
GOOD!

YOUR  
FRIENDS  
ARE WAITING  
AT THE BAR.

WHAT..

EH..?!

Some pushy flirts...  
are kidnapping me?!

WAI-

HOLD...

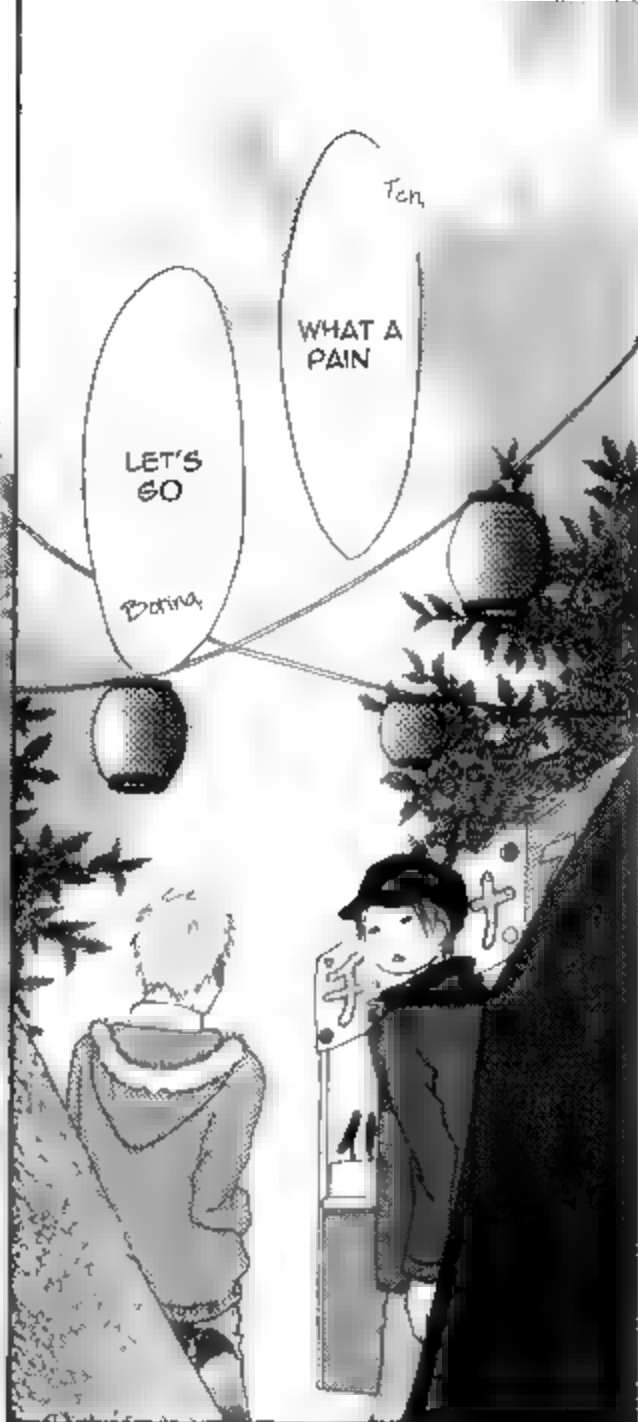
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Go- someone.

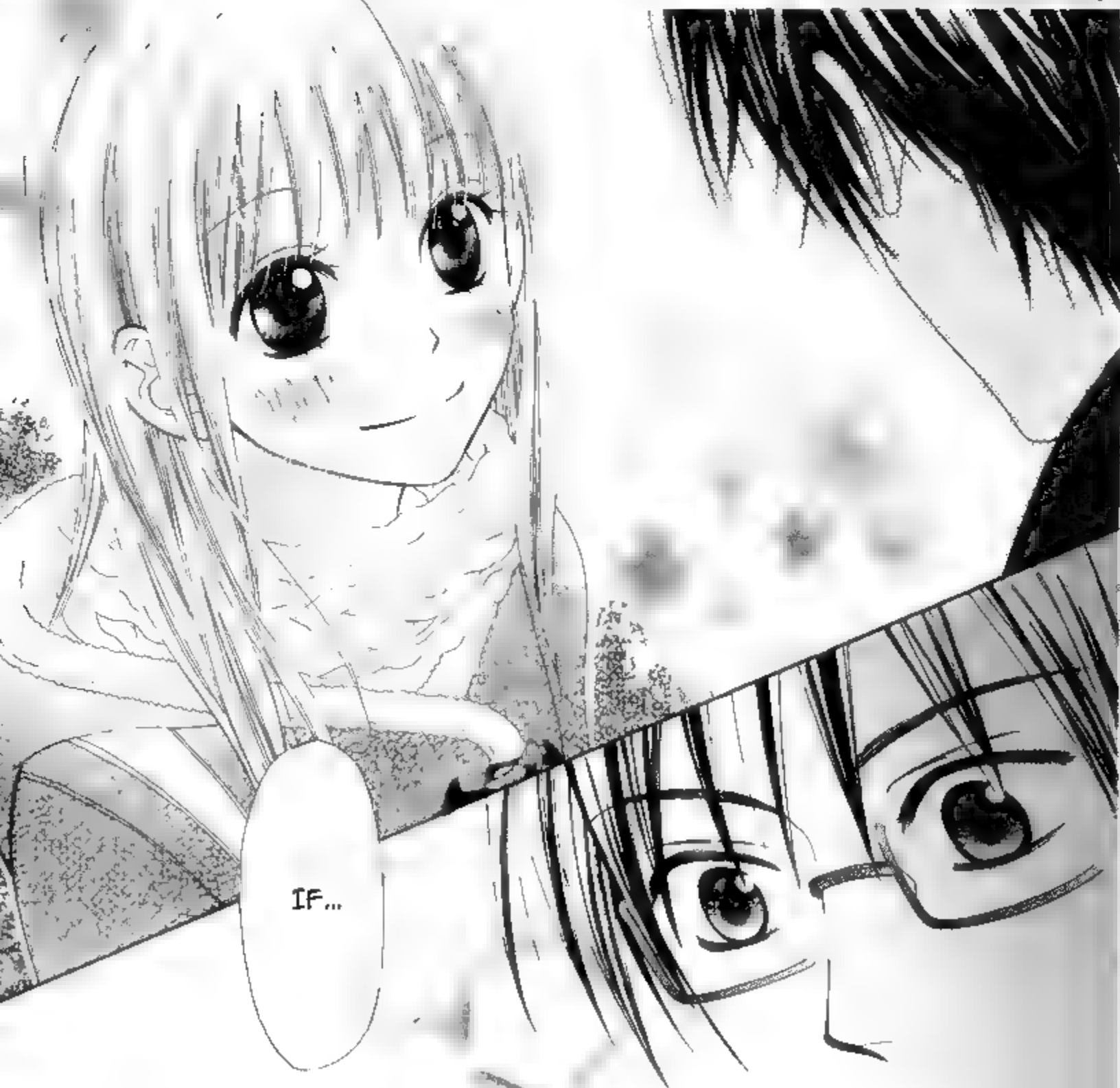














Father.

HE'D DO  
THE SAME,  
WOULDN'T  
HE?

...MY FATHER  
WERE HERE,



AH...

NO...  
THEY'RE  
PROBABLY  
CRYING  
BECAUSE

SOB SOB

DON'T CRY,  
YOU TWO.

I'M SORRY  
FOR DISAP-  
PEARING ALL  
OF A SUDDEN.



Shiharo-  
tan.

Where  
are

Mummy and  
Daddy?







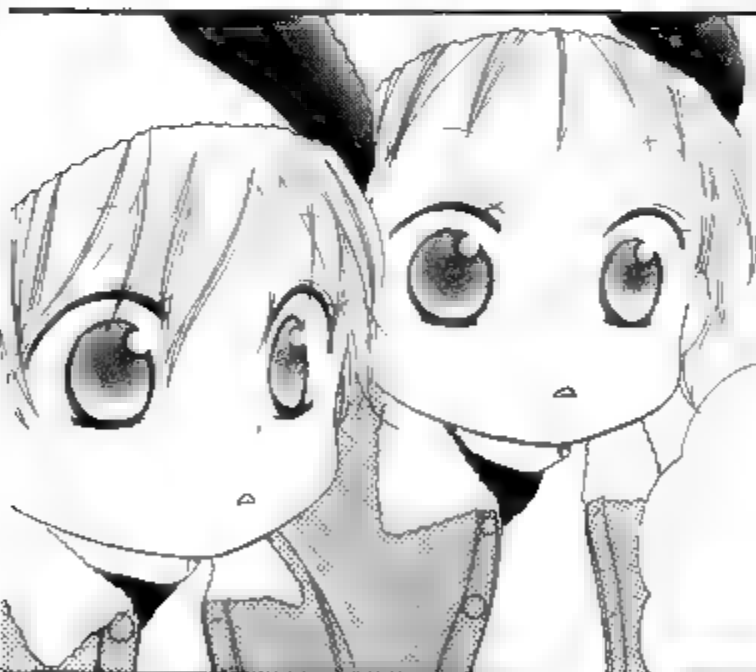
AH!

...THAT SHE'S  
WATCHING  
OVER THE TWO  
OF YOU

FROM HIGH  
UP IN THE  
SKY...!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!

WAIT HERE  
A SECOND,  
OKAY?



HERE.

WHAT ARE  
THESE?



hrrar2!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!

Clouds?



BECAUSE YOU  
TWO ARE ALWAYS  
SO GOOD,

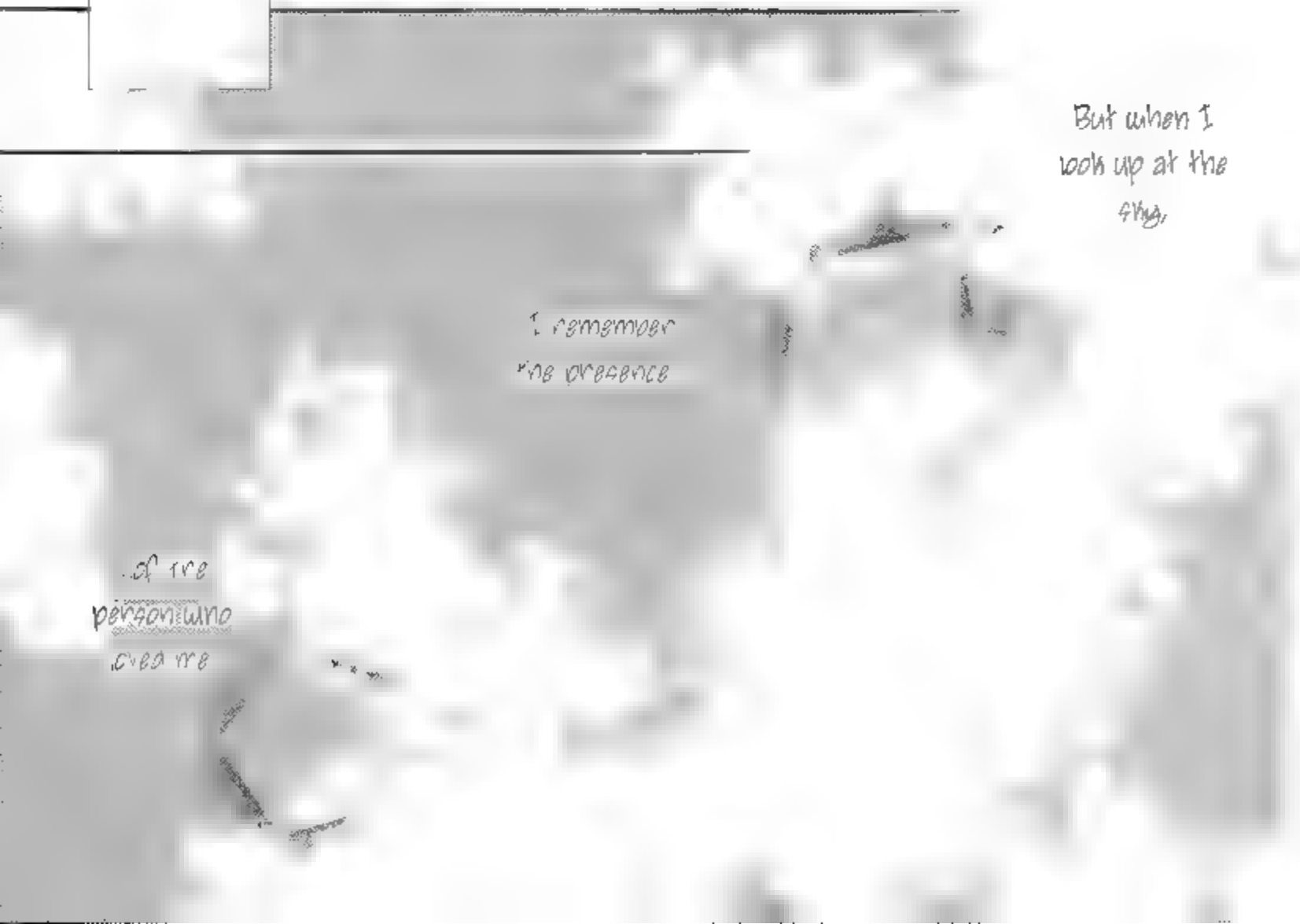
YOUR MUMMY  
UP IN THE SKY...

...SENT YOU  
THESE CLOUDS  
AS PRESENTS!











SEND THEM  
TO DADDY!

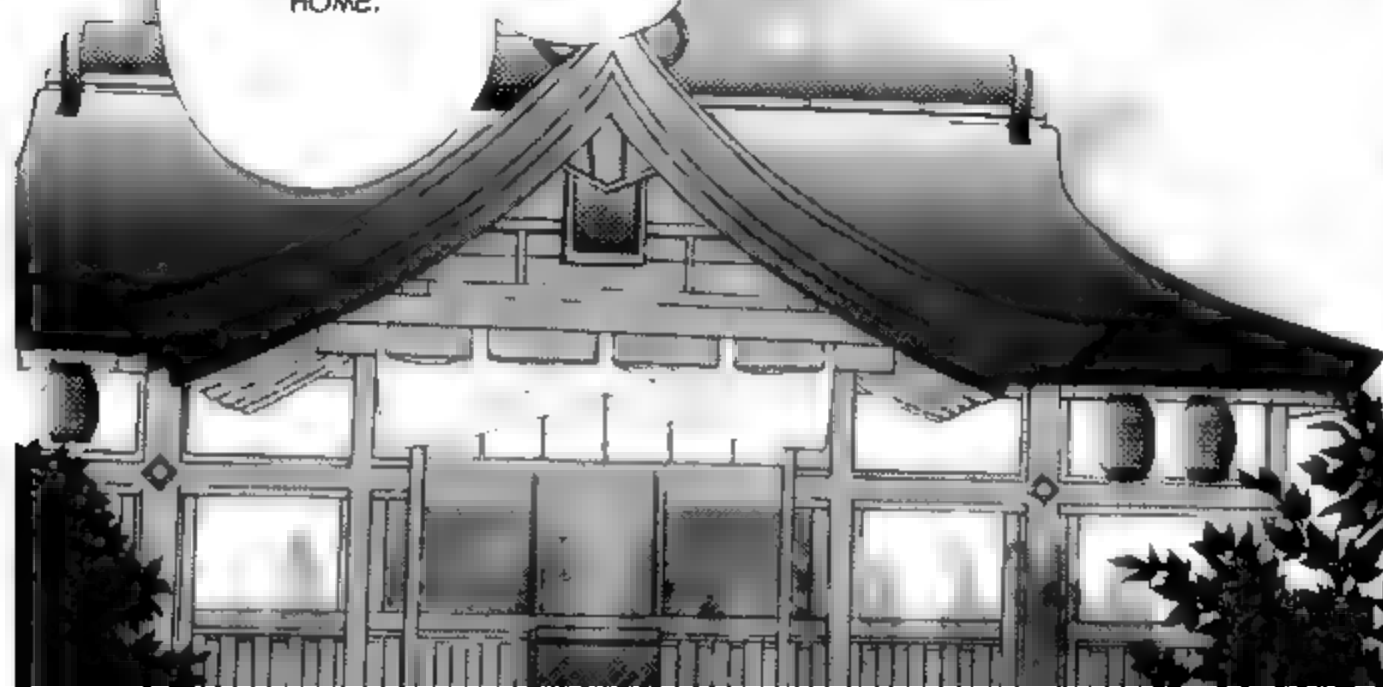
I'LL...

Just like  
that...

Well,

AFTER WE  
TALK A BIT

TO GOD,  
LET'S GO  
HOME.







So  
you can't  
really

NO .. GOD  
IS, WELL,

GOD'S BUSY  
WITH THE NEW  
YEAR HOLIDAY,  
SO...

nope

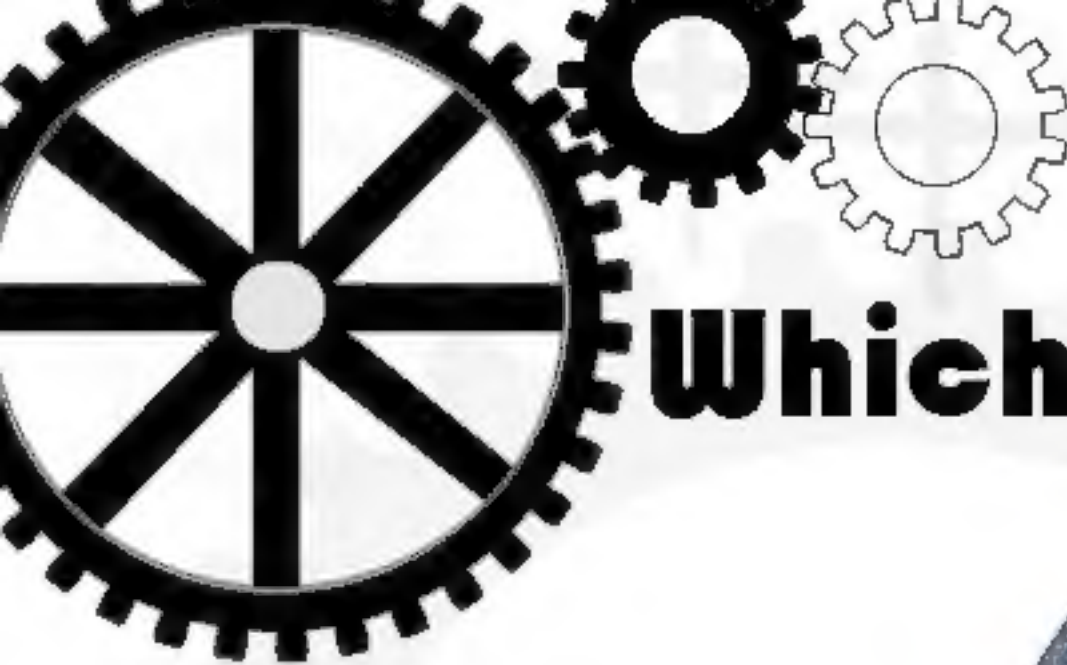
...that in the  
New Year,

AKANE-CHAN,  
AOI-KUN!

WANT TO GO  
HOME? I'LL  
PLAY WITH  
YOU!

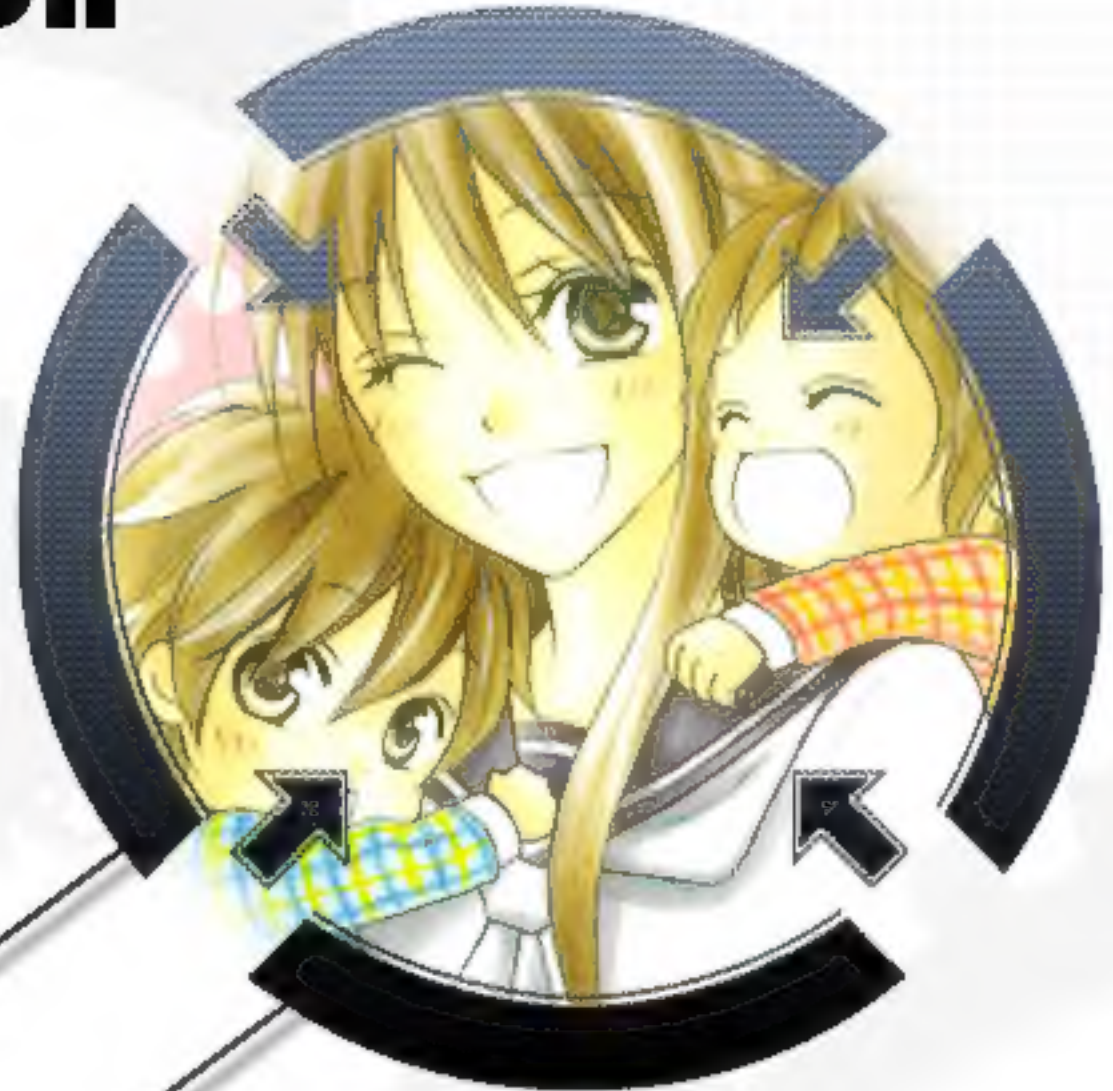
Yaaaay!

we'll all be  
happy every  
day!



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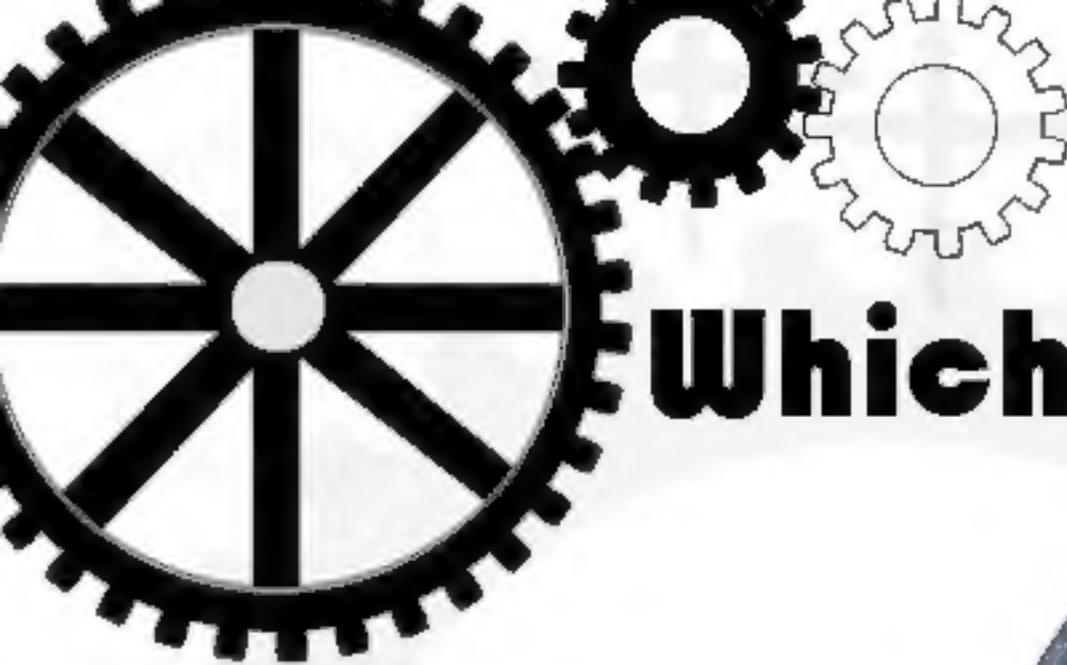
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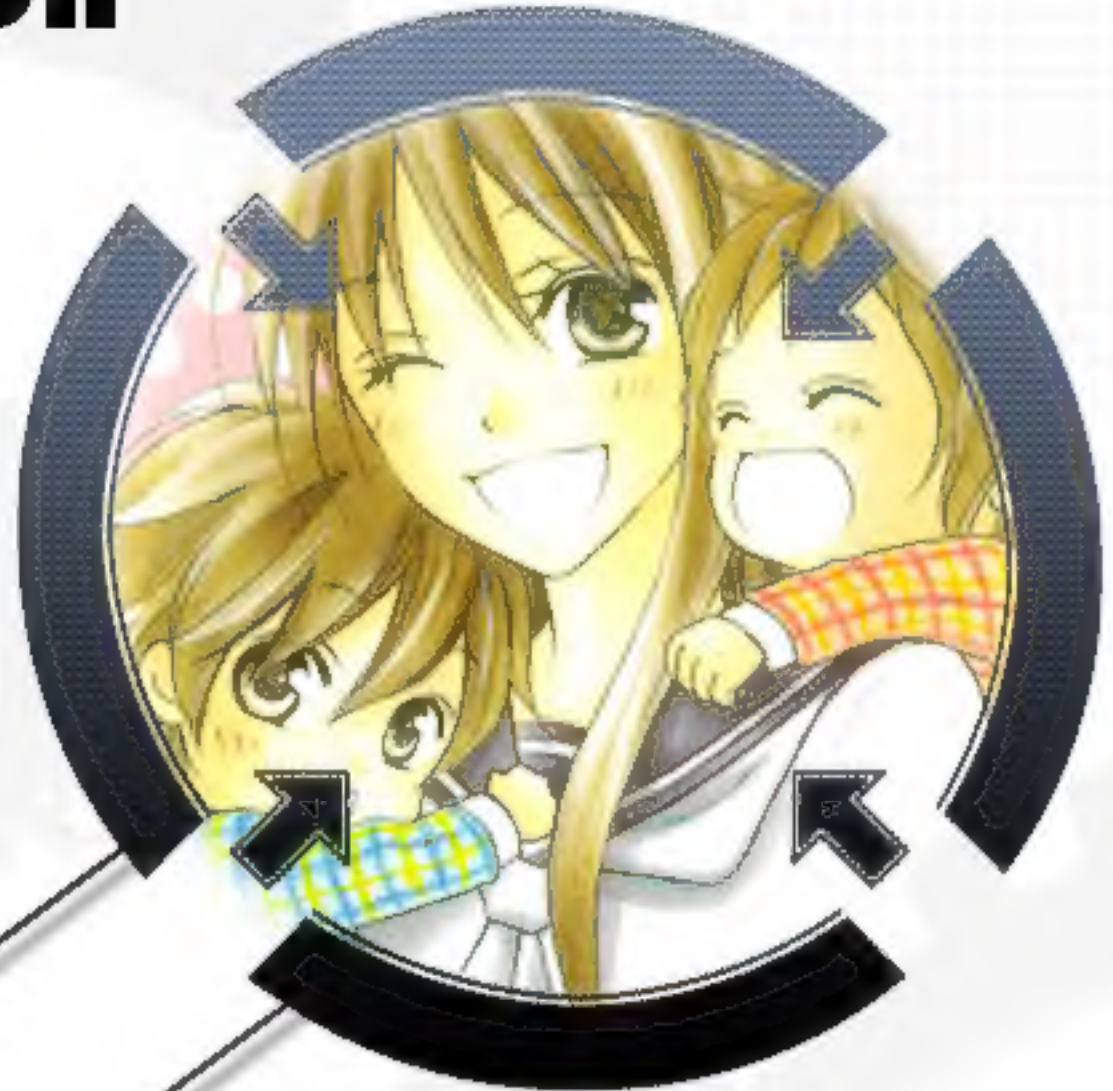
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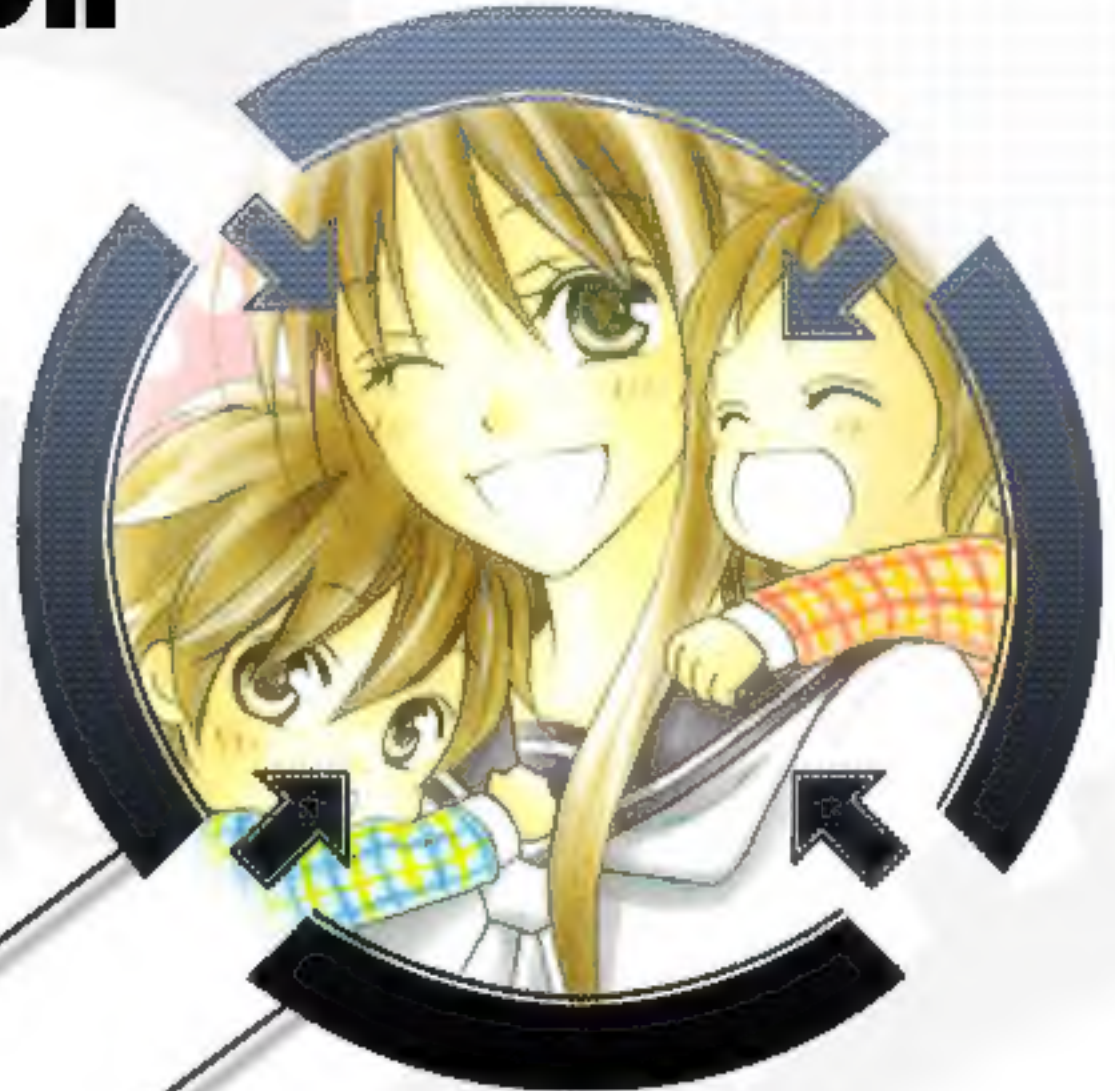
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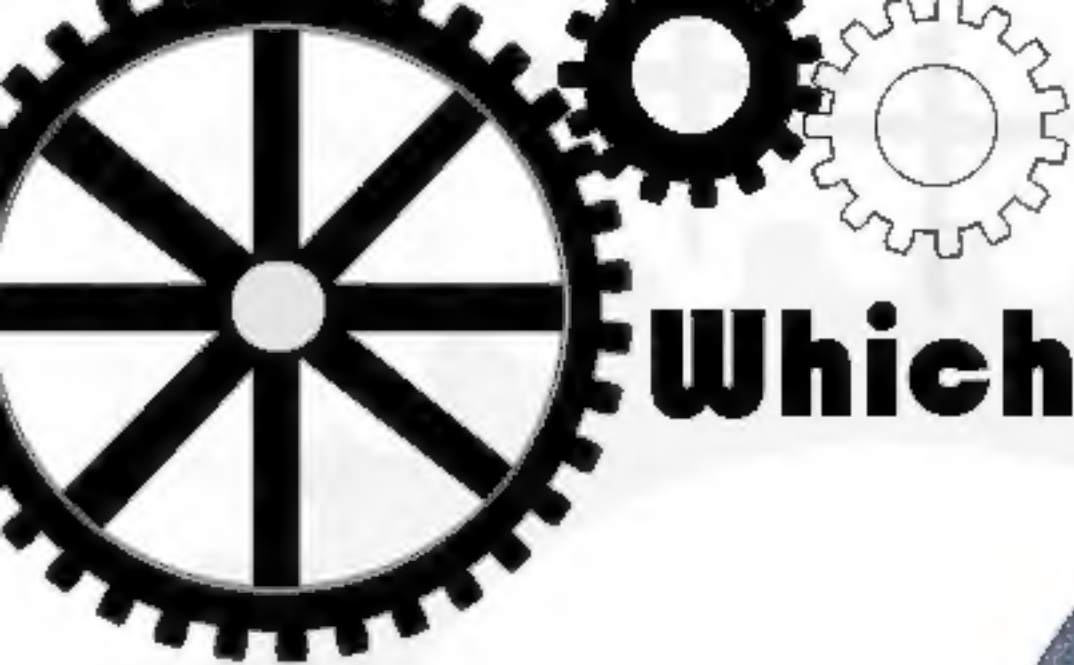
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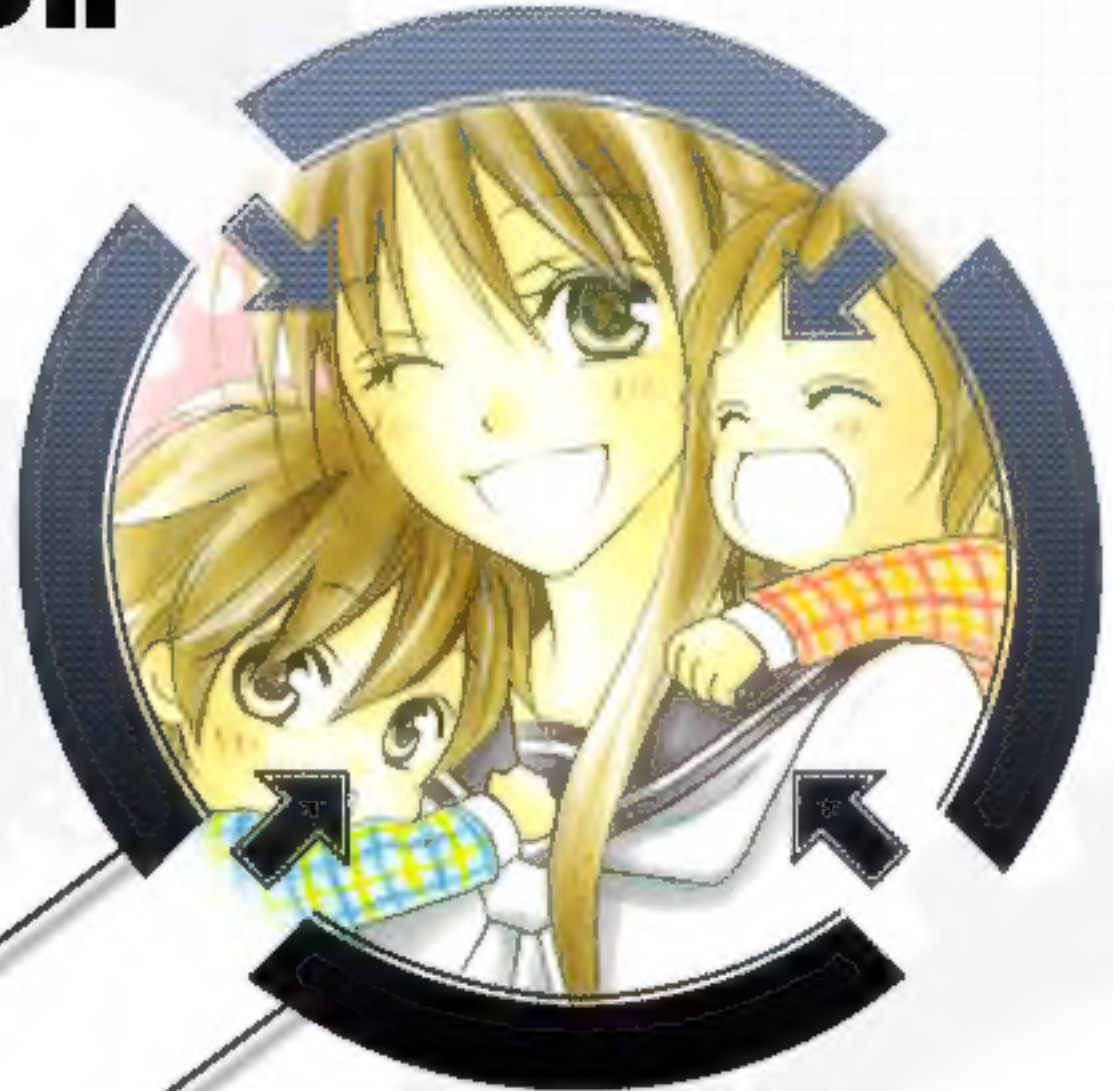
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